

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

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...Small craft advisory in effect Wednesday night for Antigua, Barbuda and Anguilla...

Locations to be affected: Open waters, mainly on the Atlantic side of the islands.

Timing: Wednesday night to Thursday night.

Synopsis: Fresh winds, associated with Tropical Disturbance AL93, are expected to cause hazardous seas, with the threat forecast to rise to high levels, at sea, with the potential of extensive impacts from rough seas, resulting in life-threatening conditions, injury and damage to small craft and equipment.

Winds: East-southeast at 26 to 41 km/h (14 to 22 knots; 16 to 25 mph), with strong gusts to around 63 km/h (34 knots; 39 mph). The strongest winds are likely Wednesday night.

Seas (significant wave heights): 1.5 to 2.5 metres (5 to 8 feet), occasionally or locally reaching 3 metres (near 10 feet). Dominant wind wave period is 6 to 9 seconds.

Potential Impacts: Loss of life at sea; injuries to mariners; financial losses; disruption of fisheries and scarcity of fish products and disruption to marine transportation.

Precautionary/preparedness actions: A small craft advisory means that wind speeds of 21 to 33 knots and or wind waves and or wind swells of 7 feet or greater are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Please continue to monitor these hazardous, life-threatening marine conditions. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via antiguamet.com and facebook.com/abmetservice

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