

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

7:50 AM Saturday 24 October 2020

...Small craft advisory goes into effect tonight for Antigua and Barbuda...

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

Timing: Saturday night to Friday.

Synopsis: Fresh winds, associated with the tightening of the pressure gradient, is expected to cause hazardous seas, with the threat up 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. The worst conditions are likely Monday. 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.

Winds: East at 22 to 37 km/h (12 to 20 knots; 14 to 23 mph), with strong gusts to around 59 km/h (32 knots; 37 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 1.5 to 2.8 metres (5 to 9 feet), occasionally or locally reaching 3.5 metres (near 12 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.

Caution: 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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