

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

9:30 AM Thursday 5 November 2020

...Small craft advisory in effect for Barbuda...

Locations to be affected: Open waters, mainly on the Atlantic sides of the island.

Timing: Until later today.

Synopsis: A temporary rise in the winds will keep seas hazardous until later today, Thursday. The threat level is moderate, to the life and property of mariners, and there is the potential of significant impacts, from above normal wind waves. 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 over open waters: East at 19 to 30 km/h (10 to 16 knots; 12 to 18 mph), with strong gusts to around 48 km/h (26 knots; 30 mph).

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

Potential Impacts: Loss of life at sea; injuries to mariners; damage or loss of boats and marine equipment; 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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