

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

9:00 PM Monday 23 November 2020

...Small craft advisory in effect for Antigua, Barbuda, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands...

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

Timing: Until sunrise Tuesday for Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands and until around midday Tuesday for Antigua and Barbuda.

Synopsis: Winds and seas are on the decline; however, seas remain at hazardous levels. The threat level is moderate, to the life and property of mariners, and there is the potential of significant impacts. 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-southeast 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 metres (5 to 7 feet), occasionally or locally reaching near 2.8 metres (9 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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