

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

11:20 am Sunday 14 April 2024

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

Locations to be affected: Mainly, open waters on the Atlantic sides of the islands out to 20 nautical miles.

Timing: Until this afternoon for Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, and until tomorrow (Monday) for Antigua, Barbuda, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands.

Synopsis: Fresh winds are causing a combination of wind waves and wind swells, to reach hazardous levels, mainly on the Atlantic sides of the islands. The threat level to the life, livelihood, property and infrastructure of mariners is moderate with the potential for 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 occurring or imminent.

Winds over open waters: East at 22 to 35 km/h (12 to 19 knots; 14 to 22 mph), with strong gusts to gale-force of 56 km/h (30 knots; 35 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 1.8 to 2.7 metres (6 to 9 feet), occasionally or locally reaching over 3.5 metres (12 feet). **Wind waves and or wind swells** of 1.5 to 2.4 metres or 5 to 8 feet and occasionally higher. The dominant wind-wave period is 6 to 9 seconds.

Potential Impacts: Loss of life at sea; injuries to mariners; capsize or damage or loss of vessels 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 from the Meteorological Office through antiguamet.com and Twitter, Facebook and YouTube @abmetervice. Also, stay tuned to ABS Radio and TV along with other media platforms for updates.

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