

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory – Hazardous Seas

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

9:00 AM Monday 21 May 2018

Small craft advisory is in effect for Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands until Tuesday morning 22 May 2018.

Hazardous seas due mainly to wind waves, owing to occasionally fresh winds, are expected.

Winds: East at 30 km/h or 16 knots with strong gusts reaching near 46 km/h or 25 knots.

Waves/seas: 1.5 to 2 metres or 5 to 7 feet, occasionally exceeding 2.5 metres or reaching near 9 feet.

Locations (to be) affected: Mainly open waters, especially on the windward side of the islands.

Timing: Until Tuesday.

Impacts (possible/likely/expected): 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 seas of 7 feet or greater are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Please continue to monitor.

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