

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services
7:55 PM Thursday 14 February 2019

Small craft advisory remains in effect for Antigua and Barbuda, the rest of the Leeward Islands and the British Virgin Islands.

Hazardous seas, due to fresh winds, are expected to be a threat to life and property of mariners.

Winds: East-southeast at 19 to 33 km/h (10 to 18 knots) with strong gusts reaching near 56 km/h or 30 knots.

Seas (significant wave heights): 2 to 2.5 metres (6 to 8 feet), occasionally reaching 3 metres (10 feet).

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

Timing: Until Friday.

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 wind waves 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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