

**Urgent – Marine Weather Message**

**Small Craft Advisory – Hazardous Seas**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

8:00 AM Wednesday 17 October 2018

**Small craft advisory is in effect for Antigua and Barbuda, the rest of the Leeward Islands and the British Virgin Islands valid until Thursday morning.**

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

**Winds:** East-northeast at 22 to 37 km/h or 12 to 20 knots with frequent strong gusts peaking near 52 km/h or 28 knots.

**Waves/seas:** 1.5 to 2.5 metres or 5 to 8 feet, occasionally reaching 3 metres or 10 feet.

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

**Timing:** Until Thursday morning.

**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 (mainly 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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