

## **Urgent – Marine Weather Message**

### **Small Craft Warning**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

8:25 AM Sunday 22 November 2020

**...Small craft warning in effect for the Atlantic waters of Antigua and Barbuda...**

**Locations to be affected:** Mainly open Atlantic or eastern waters.

**Timing:** Until this afternoon.

**Synopsis:** Fresh winds, associated with a relatively tight pressure gradient, are causing hazardous seas. The threat level is high, to the life and property of mariners, and there is the potential of extensive impacts, from rough seas. Seas have peaked and are on the decline. A small craft warning means that wind speeds of 41 km/h or higher (22 knots or higher) and or wind waves and or wind swells of 9 feet or greater are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts.

**Winds:** East at 22 to 33 km/h (12 to 18 knots; 14 to 21 mph), with strong gusts to around 52 km/h (28 knots; 33 mph).

**Seas (significant wave heights):** 2 to 2.8 metres (6 to 9 feet), occasionally or locally reaching near 3.5 metres (over 11 feet). Dominant wave period is 6 to 9 seconds.

**Potential impacts:** Loss of life; injuries; damage or loss of boats and fishing equipment; sea search and rescue disruptions; cancellations to sea transportation; scarcity of sea food; cancellation to marine recreation and businesses and economic losses.

**Caution:** Small craft operators should stay away from the warning area and avoid open waters otherwise.

Please continue to monitor these hazardous, life-threatening marine conditions. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via [antiguamet.com](http://antiguamet.com)

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