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SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN**DATE ISSUED: Saturday, 18th January, 2020****TIME ISSUED: 12:00pm (16:00 UTC)**

...A SMALL CRAFT WARNING WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ST. MAARTEN FROM 8:00 PM, SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY, THROUGH TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY...

...A HIGH SURF WARNING WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ST. MAARTEN FROM 8:00 PM, SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY, THROUGH TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY...

Strong northwesterly and northerly swells, produced by a vigorous mid-latitude winter storm located in the North Atlantic, will begin reaching our shores tonight. These swells combined with strong winds, due to a tight pressure gradient across the Caribbean, will produce seas upwards of 15 feet, particularly along our northern shores. Consequently, due to these very rough and hazardous conditions, small craft and high surf warnings will take effect for St. Maarten from 8:00 pm tonight, Saturday 18th January, until at least Tuesday 22nd January.

Small craft operators and sea bathers are strongly advised to avoid open waters. Persons with interests along the coast should secure their interests where possible and exercise extreme caution.

FORECASTER: Pierre

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