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SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN**DATE ISSUED: Thursday, December 24, 2020****TIME: 08:30hrs (12:30UTC)****...A SMALL CRAFT WARNING IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR ST MAARTEN...**

A tight pressure gradient across the region is being strengthened by a passing low-level trough. The interaction of these two features is generating fresh to strong winds, which in turn are generating rough seas.

A small craft warning is now in effect for St Maarten and surrounding waters as seas are expected to peak near 11 feet (up to 12 feet on the Atlantic side). Small craft operators and sea bathers should exercise extreme caution to protect life and property.

Sea bathers should avoid swimming. Small craft operators and persons with interests along the coast should continue to exercise extreme caution. Some coastal flooding is also possible.

Seas are forecast to gradually subside beginning Friday evening.

FORECASTER: Pierre

A **Special Bulletin** is issued for weather or marine events that are unusual, cause general inconvenience or public concern (which may require the attention and/or action of fire department and police authorities) and cannot adequately be described in a regular weather forecast.

A **Small Craft Advisory** announces that the sea will likely become somewhat rough (today) or is already occurring.

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