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Gusty Winds and Hazardous Seas Continue through Tuesday Afternoon

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a special weather statement for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A tropical disturbance, JTWC Invest Area 93W, is centered about 185 miles southwest of Guam, near 12 degrees north latitude and 142 degrees east longitude. The system is moving west-northwest at 13 mph.

Breezy east to southeast winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph will continue today. Winds will gradually diminish this evening. An additional two to four inches of rain is projected through Tuesday night. However, locally higher amounts are possible.

The community is reminded to take the following precautionary measures:

- Avoid driving on flooded roads;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- Stay up to date with the latest information.
- Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.
- Avoid hazardous surf and seas.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 pm. Tuesday. East to southeast winds of 15 to 20 knots, with gusts up to 30 knots are expected for Guam waters. Conditions will be hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Tuesday. Large breaking waves of 9 to 12 feet and dangerous rip currents along east facing reefs are expected. North facing reefs will see hazardous surf of 7 to 9 through Tuesday.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Tuesday. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help. High surf will also cause localized beach erosion.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous surf and seas until conditions subside. Practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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