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Hazardous Surf and Seas in Effect for the Marianas; Inexperienced Swimmers Advised to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has the following advisories in effect:

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Saturday. Hazardous surf of 7 to 9 feet is expected along north facing reefs and beaches.

A **high risk of rip currents** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Saturday afternoon. Dangerous rip currents are expected along north facing reefs. 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.

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Saturday. Northeast winds of 15 to 25 knots, with gusts up to 30 knots, and seas of 7 to 9 feet for Rota, and 7 to 10 feet for Tinian and Saipan, are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous sea and surf, especially north facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

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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