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Hazardous Surf and Seas Remain

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

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 5 p.m. Sunday. Large breaking waves of 7 to 9 feet are expected. Remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions.

A high risk of rip currents is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Sunday afternoon. 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 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 Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. this evening. Seas of 7 to 10 feet are expected. Conditions will be hazardous to small craft. 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 surf and seas. Remain out of the water while the advisories are in effect. 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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