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Hazardous Surf and Seas Remain; Inexperienced Swimmers Reminded to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor all activity in the region, including the circulation JTWC Invest Area 96W. As of this morning, the system was located near 6 degrees north latitude and 148 degrees east longitude. Current forecast tracks show the system heading west or west-southwest over the next day or two before heading more toward the west-northwest to pass near or just south of Yap Monday and Tuesday.

For Guam, an increase in showers is still expected on Sunday, but then showers are expected to diminish Monday. Gusty winds are also expected for Guam and Rota late tonight or early Sunday morning.

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Tuesday. Large breaking waves of 8 to 10 feet are expected. Both north and east swell will build further Sunday, possibly causing surf along east facing shores to become hazardous.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Tuesday afternoon. Dangerous rip currents are expected along east 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** will be in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from 6 p.m. this evening to 6 a.m. Tuesday. East winds of 15 to 25 knots with gusts up to 30 knots and seas of 8 to 11 feet 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 and east 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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