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High Wind Warning in Effect; Remain Out of the Water; Outdoor Burning Not Recommended

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

A **high wind warning** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Thursday. Northeast winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts up to 50 mph, are expected. Damaging winds can blow down trees and other items. Travel could be difficult, especially for high profile vehicles along higher terrain. The community is advised to secure canopies and loose items that can become airborne in heavier winds.

A **gale warning** is in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 p.m. Thursday. Northeast winds of 25 to 35 knots, with gusts up to 40 knots, are expected. A **hazardous seas warning** is also in effect until 6 a.m. Friday. Strong winds will cause hazardous seas which could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility. Mariners should alter plans to avoid hazardous conditions. Remain in port, seek safe harbor, alter course, and/or secure the vessel for severe conditions.

A **red flag warning** is in effect for Guam until 6 p.m. this evening for a high wind event. Gusty winds and dry conditions will lead to rapid fire spread. Sustained northeast winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts to 50 mph, with humidity as low as 50 to 55 percent in the afternoon, are expected. The highest threat is for southern parts of Guam, especially areas with extensive sun and wind exposure. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Friday along west and north facing reefs. Large breaking waves of 8 to 10 feet, increasing to 12 feet or higher, dangerous swimming and surfing conditions, and localized beach erosion are expected. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous conditions.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late Thursday night. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. 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.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to remain out of the water while the advisories are in effect. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

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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