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### NWS Advisories in Effect for the Marianas

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

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, until 6 p.m. Friday. East winds of 15 to 20 knots with gusts up to 25 knots are expected making conditions hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Thursday night. Life threatening rip currents are expected for east facing reefs of the Marianas. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Do not swim against the current. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. Large breaking waves can knock people down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents can drag people out to sea.

A **fire weather watch** remains in effect for Guam through Thursday afternoon. A fire weather watch means that critical fire weather conditions are forecast to occur. Sustained winds at 20 mph, with gusts to 30 mph are expected. The combination of strong winds and 55 to 60 % humidity will create ideal conditions for the rapid spread of wildfires. The highest threat is expected for the southern part of Guam, mainly along and south of Cross Island Road. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to avoid hazardous seas. The community is also reminded to refrain from outdoor burning and listen for any additional forecasts or possible red flag warnings.

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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