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### NWS Advisories in Effect for the Marianas; Hazardous Seas Remain

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

A **high surf advisory** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this week. A high surf advisory means high surf will affect beaches in the advisory area, producing localized beach erosion and dangerous swimming conditions. Hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet and dangerous rip currents are expected for west facing reefs of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. 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. The community is advised to avoid venturing out along west facing reefs and beaches. Large breaking waves can knock people down and cause serious injuries.

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 5 a.m. Thursday. Seas of 8 to 10 feet are expected and conditions will be hazardous to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise residents and visitors to avoid hazardous seas, especially west facing reefs and beaches, until conditions subside. 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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