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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 **small craft advisory** is now in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, until 6 a.m. Saturday. East winds of 20 knots with frequent 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 tonight. Life threatening rip currents are expected for east facing reefs of the Marianas. The community is reminded to swim near a lifeguard. 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.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise residents and visitors to avoid hazardous seas. 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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