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Wind Advisory in Effect; Stay Out of the Water, Hazardous Surf and Seas Remain

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advised gusty winds and dry conditions will cause a high fire threat.

An **airport wind advisory** is in effect for the Guam International Airport until 6 p.m. this evening. Expect winds at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to 30 knots. Practice caution if driving in these conditions.

A **red flag warning** remains in effect until 7 p.m. this evening for Guam. Winds of 20 to 30 mph, with gusts to 35 mph possible, and humidity at 50 to 60 percent during the day are expected. Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. **Refrain from outdoor burning.**

A high surf warning remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 4 p.m. Monday along north and east facing reefs. Large breaking waves of 12 to 16 feet are expected. Remain out of the water.

A high risk of rip currents remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Monday afternoon. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. Remain out of the water.

A **coastal flood statement** remains in effect through Monday afternoon. Isolated minor coastal flooding is expected. Some water on low lying roads and property is expected.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 4 p.m. Monday. East winds of 20 to 30 knots and seas of 10 to 13 feet are expected. 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) remind the community to remain out of the water and refrain from outdoor burning.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <u>https://www.weather.gov/gum/</u>
- NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- GHS/OCD Website: <u>https://ghs.guam.gov/</u>
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