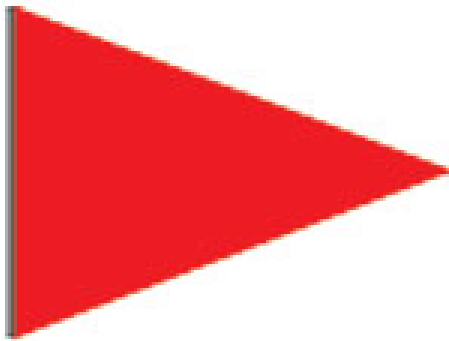


MAKE CAUTIOUS DECISIONS

- > If you are caught offshore when the wind picks up and seas become rough, put on your life vest and head for port.
- > Avoid boating above your skill level in open waters where a Small Craft Advisory is in effect.
- > If you are out in the coastal water, exercise caution and be aware of how unpredictable the seas can be.



REMEMBER...

- > KEEP INFORMED PRIOR TO ENJOYING WATER ACTIVITIES
- > STAY TUNED TO NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS
- > DIAL 211 FOR THE LATEST FORECAST
- > ENSURE YOU USE THE PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT WHEN ENJOYING WATER ACTIVITIES

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS YOUR SAFETY IN MIND.

National Weather Service, Weather Forecast Office Guam Weather Advisories and Warnings of Interest to Mariners

Small Craft Advisory: Sustained winds in excess of 22 knots or frequent gusts of 25 knots or greater are expected or are occurring; or combined seas of 10 feet or more.

Gale Warning: Sustained winds of 34 to 47 knots are expected or are occurring.

Tropical Storm/Typhoon Watch: Tropical storm or typhoon conditions are possible in 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Warning: Sustained winds of 34 to 63 knots are expected in 24 hours or are occurring.

Typhoon Warning: Sustained winds of 64 knots or more are expected in 24 hours or are occurring.

High Surf Advisory: Surf heights of 9 feet or greater on North, South and West facing exposures or 12 feet or greater along East facing exposures is expected or occurring.

High Surf Warning: Issued when surf heights of 15 feet or greater is expected or occurring on any exposure.

WHEN IN DOUBT...ASK QUESTIONS

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What you need to know
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Small Craft Advisory



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.....A Small Craft.....

WHO IS AFFECTED:

- *Owners of Small to Medium Sized motor and sail boats.
 - *Fishermen
 - *Para-sailors
 - *Windsurfers
 - *Canoe Paddlers

WHO INFORMS THE PUBLIC OF SMALL CRAFT CONDITIONS?

The National Weather Service, Weather Forecast Office Guam monitors the changes in wind and sea conditions. When dangerous sea conditions exist or are expected, the Weather Forecast Office on Guam issues a Small Craft Advisory. This advisory is broadcast on the National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio, is placed on its website, and is sent to the local media.



The Weather Forecast Office on Guam issues Small Craft Advisories for winds and for hazardous seas.

Advisory is in Effect...

WHAT DOES A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY MEAN?

Sustained winds offshore greater than 22 knots or frequent gusts of 25 knots or greater are expected or are occurring; or combined seas of 10 feet or more. Winds and seas of this magnitude will create steeper waves that could create dangerous boating conditions.

Usually, the wind speeds in open water are higher than those along the shores or on land.

Boating activity during a small craft advisory event will be hazardous to both the boat crew and passengers.

Small Craft advisory conditions were determined by a committee of professional and amateur mariners from the Marianas

HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF THERE IS A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IN EFFECT?

Look or listen for this statement in the National Weather Service's Coastal Waters Forecast:

...A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IS NOW/OR CONTINUES TO BE IN EFFECT...

TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY DURING A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY EVENT:

STAY INFORMED

Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio. Forecasts are issued routinely at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. with updates issued when conditions warrant. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts the latest forecast 24 hours a day.

NWR Frequencies & Channels:

Guam: WXM85, 162.40 MHz or VHF Weather Channel 2.

Saipan: WXM86, 162.55 MHz or VHF Weather Channel 1.

US Coast Guard: 156.80 MHz Channel 16.

You can also access the latest forecasts by dialing 211 (cell or line) on Guam or in the CNMI.

Visit our internet homepage at:

<http://www.weather.gov/guam/>

The National Weather Service, Weather Forecast Office Guam issues Small Craft Advisories for Mariana waters out to 40 nautical miles. Look on the homepage for the pink banner highlighting the Small Craft Advisory.