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Public Advisory No. 3
Champi Forecast to Pass Near Guam Sunday as a Category 2 Typhoon; Flood Watch Issued

Tropical Depression 29W has been upgraded to Tropical Storm Champi. The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office advises that a Typhoon Watch remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, and a Flood Watch is now in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Sunday afternoon.

Guam remains in Condition of Readiness 3 (COR 3).

NWS advises that Champi is expected to steadily strengthen, likely becoming a typhoon on Saturday as it nears the Marianas. As currently forecast, Champi will pass very near, or over, Guam late Sunday morning as a Category 2 typhoon. NWS cautions that the track could still shift farther north or south, and that if rapid intensification occurs sooner and more rapidly than anticipated, the Marianas could see a stronger typhoon.

At 5 a.m. ChST, the center of Tropical Storm Champi (29W) was located near 11.6N 156.5E, about 800 miles east of Guam, moving west at 12 mph. Maximum sustained winds were 40 mph. Champi is forecast to move generally west-northwestward, with a slight increase in forward speed through Saturday.

Weather and sea conditions will deteriorate through the day on Saturday. Residents should take time today, while weather conditions are fair, to secure homes and businesses and prepare for potential typhoon-force impacts.

NWS advises the following for the Marianas:

- **Wind:** Damaging winds are likely late Saturday night and Sunday. Strong tropical storm-force winds are forecast from early Sunday morning to Sunday afternoon. Typhoon-force winds will be possible near the center of Champi mid to late Sunday morning, which could shift a few hours either way.
- **Surf and inundation:** Surf of 3 to 5 feet will begin to increase Saturday, becoming hazardous at 7 to 9 feet Saturday evening for at least east-facing reefs, then rapidly becoming dangerous and life-threatening at 15 to 20 feet Sunday morning. All reefs could be exposed to these dangerous conditions, but it is too early to determine which will be affected the most. Depending on the exact location of Champi as it moves through the Marianas, maximum storm surge inundation of 2 to 3 feet is possible, with wave runup as high as 12 feet.
- **Rain and flooding:** Torrential rain is expected Saturday night and Sunday at least, with total rainfall accumulations of 6 to 12 inches possible. Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas. Storm drains and ditches may become clogged with debris.
- **Marine:** A Typhoon Watch remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan Coastal Waters. Destructive winds will produce dangerous seas that could damage, capsize or sink vessels. Small craft should return to port or seek safe harbor. Mariners should remain in port, seek safe harbor and/or secure their vessels for severe wind and seas. If you live on a boat, begin to safely secure your craft and make plans to leave it for adequate land-based shelter.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Begin preparing your home or business now according to your typhoon disaster plan;
- Prepare sufficient food, drinking water, medications, and emergency supplies for 7 to 10 days;
- Cover all windows and doors with shutters or plywood;
- Move patio furniture and other loose objects indoors;
- Brace all exterior doors, including garage doors. Do this as early as possible;
- If you need to make a trip to the hardware store, the grocery store, or the gas station, do so as early as possible;
- Monitor later forecasts and be prepared to take action should Flash Flood Warnings be issued.

If you live in a non-concrete home, a home with a metal roof, or a container home, or if you live in an area prone to storm surge or flooding, identify safe shelter arrangements now, such as the sturdy home of family or friends outside of flood-prone and surge areas, and be ready to evacuate if necessary. Listen for possible warnings, heed the advice of local officials, and follow official instructions.

Candidates and campaigns are urged to remove and secure campaign signs before hazardous winds arrive. Residents and businesses should also secure outdoor signs and other loose objects that could become airborne.

The next NWS advisory will be issued at 8 a.m. ChST, followed by an intermediate advisory at 11 a.m. ChST. The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) reminds the community to be alert for additional advisories.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/
- NWS Tropical Cyclones: https://www.weather.gov/gum/Cyclones
- JTWC: https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html
- NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
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