

Sea Condition Definitions

Sea Condition All Clear (SC-AC): Conditions which are ideal for water related activities. Some hazards may exist.

Sea Condition Caution (SC-C): Hazardous conditions may exist. Exercise caution when entering the water.

Sea Condition Danger (SC-D): Life threatening conditions exist. Personnel may enter the water during Sea Condition Danger only under the following conditions:

1. Lifeguarded swim areas: daytime swimming is allowed in designated swim areas on and off military installations when staffed by lifeguards and open for public use.
2. Professionally monitored water activities or athletic competitions supervised by qualified officials of that activity (e.g. Dragon Boat Races, triathlons, sanctioned fishing tournaments, SCUBA class hosted by a certified dive shop).
3. On Okuma when the Okuma Commander/Deputy Commander determines allowable water activities.
4. On Torii Station when the Garrison Commander determines allowable water activities.
5. On White Beach when the Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa determines allowable water activities.
6. At Kadena Marina, staff may allow unsupervised daytime swimming in the roped swimming area only.

Criteria

Sea Condition All Clear (SC-AC): Wind speeds have been reported at less than 18 MPH (16 KT). Locally assessed conditions are suitable for novice water enthusiasts intending to participate in the location's primary water activities.

Sea Condition Caution (SC-C): Wind speeds of 18 MPH (16 KT) or greater, including gusts, have been observed for at least 3 hours. Locally assessed conditions warrant that individuals participating in water activities have extensive experience both in the planned activity and at the location.

Sea Condition Danger (SC-D): Wind speeds of 35 MPH (30 KT) or greater, including gusts, have been observed and are to persist for at least 3 hours or during TCCOR 2. Locally assessed conditions are dangerous and warrant restricting access to the water and removal of individuals from the water. Note – Military facilities will cease rental of water recreation equipment in SC-D.