

U. S. MILITARY SEA CONDITION INFORMATION FOR OKINAWA

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Condition Definitions

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

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 under the following conditions:

1. Recreational daytime swimming in designated swim areas on and off military installations when staffed by lifeguards and open for public use.
2. Professionally monitored athletic competitions staffed with trained rescue personnel (e.g. Dragon Boat Races, triathlons, open ocean swims).
3. Aboard Okuma when the Okuma Commander/Deputy Commander determines allowable water activities.
4. Aboard Torii Station when the Garrison Commander determines allowable water activities.
5. Aboard White Beach when the Commander, Fleet Activities Okinawa determines allowable water activities.

Criteria

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

SC-C (Caution): Wind speeds of 18 MPH (16 Knots) 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.

SC-D (Danger): Wind speeds of 35 MPH (30 Knots) or greater, including gusts, have been observed and are to persist for at least 3 hours or during Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (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. Swimming activities may continue at the discretion of the Recreation Director/Commander.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Conditions and criteria are based on a generalized evaluation and may not be consistent with the weather and sea state throughout the entire coastline of Okinawa. Therefore, personnel must be equipped to make an individual assessment of the hazards for their intended activity.

HEDO POINT

**West Sector (W)
East China Sea**

**East Sector (E)
Pacific Ocean**

CAPE KIYAN

Sector Location

West (W) - East China Sea shoreline, Hedo Point (Northern tip) west down to Cape Kiyan (Southern tip)

East (E) - Pacific Ocean shoreline, Hedo Point (Northern tip) east down to Cape Kiyan (Southern tip)

