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## COMMUNITY

# MORE THAN A RACE: THE STORIES THAT DEFINE KWAJALEIN'S RUSTMAN

*Rustman 47: A celebration of strength, support, and shared experience.*

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

On a remote atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands — more than 2,500 miles from Honolulu — a unique test of endurance, grit, and community unfolds each year. Known simply as the Rustman, this 53-kilometer triathlon has become one of Kwajalein's most enduring traditions, drawing competitors and supporters together for more than four decades.

This year's event, the 47th Annual Rustman Triathlon held on April 20, 2026, brought together 27 individual competitors and five teams

— all facing choppy lagoon waters, steady winds, and unrelenting island heat. Yet, as always, the race proved to be about far more than conditions or competition.

Long before the first swimmer enters the water at Echo Pier, Rustman is already underway. Barriers are set. Ice is hauled. Volunteers organize timing stations and supplies under the direction of long-time coordinator Bob Sholar, who has helped shape the event for more than four decades and holds the record for completing the race in 2:06:21. "It truly is a partnership," Sholar said. "The running club volunteers are the face of the event, but behind the scenes, they're doing a lot

more than people realize."

What began in 1980 as a scaled-down alternative to the Ironman has grown into one of Kwajalein's most anticipated traditions. "It gets in your blood," Sholar said. And on race day, that connection is unmistakable — with residents lining the course from shoreline to Ocean Road, cheering on friends, coworkers, students, and family members. "It's a social gathering as much as it is a race," he added. "It's really the community at its best."

The race itself is simple in structure but demanding in execution: a 1-kilometer swim, 42-kilometer bike ride, and 10-kilometer run. This year, Kwajalein Swim Team

coach Sam Jahnke led the field out of the water with an impressive 15:50 swim. His father, Jon Jahnke, followed with the fastest bike split at 1:12:39 — a performance that moved him into second place on the all-time Social Security Eligible finisher list.

But Rustman is never just about top times.

Flat tires, strong winds, and steamy run conditions tested even seasoned athletes. The run course, in particular, offered little relief from the heat, pushing competitors to dig deep in the final stretch.

For participants like Jake Evans, a meteorologist known around the island as "weather boy," has spent the past several months fully immersed

in preparation, the race is as much mental as physical. “It’s consumed my life,” said Evans, who returned this year with a more strategic training approach. “You just have to push through that voice in your head that tells you to stop.”

He started earlier, paced himself more strategically, and focused on building endurance over time. “My body feels a lot better this year,” he explained. “Last year, I crammed too much training into a short window. This time, I spread it out, and it’s made a big difference.”

David Guzik, competing in his second Rustman and a civil engineer who has called Kwajalein home for the past two and a half years, echoed that sentiment with a simpler goal: finish strong. Where Evans leaned into intensity, Guzik focused on steady, goal-oriented progress. “I’m just happy to finish,” Guzik said of his first race. “That was my only goal — to finish and not stop.”

“Running a 10K after biking for an hour and a half — that’s something else entirely,” he said.

For Annalise Castillo, this year’s race carried a deeper meaning.

Nearly seven months pregnant, she joined a team to complete the swim portion — not out of obligation, but out of love for the event. “I just love the whole Rustman day and energy,” she said. “I knew I still wanted to be part of this iconic event.”

Choosing the swim for its low-impact nature, Castillo leaned on her lifelong comfort in the water. Still, the experience felt different. “I was thinking about me and my baby girl doing this together — swimming in the largest coral atoll lagoon in the world,” she shared. “It made me feel so thankful to be strong and alive, growing another human.”

Her message resonates far beyond the course: “Pregnancy and athletic ambitions are not mutually exclusive.”



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The goal is to celebrate your body's capabilities and embrace the journey without pressure."

As she emerged from the water to cheers from the shoreline, the emotional impact was undeniable. "You could feel the love in your heart and bones," she said.

That same spirit inspired 11-year-old Eric Le Sage, who unofficially completed the swim after watching his mom compete. "I thought it would be a fun experience," he said simply.

With a background in swim team but no specific race training, Eric entered the water — and finished as the fastest among unofficial swimmers. "It feels great. I'm really proud of myself," he said.

For Eric, the experience reflects what makes Kwajalein special. "I like how it's always warm and you can just hop in the ocean," he said. "And I can see the sunset from my

window." Though his family will soon leave the island, his Rustman moment is one he'll carry with him.

For longtime resident and teacher Christi Cardillo, Rustman is less about competition and more about connection. "I just want to finish and finish with a smile," she said. "It's like a long, fun workout where people are cheering you on."

Balancing teaching, family, and life on island, Cardillo admits her training hasn't always been perfect — but that's exactly the point. "My hope is that people see me out there enjoying it and think, 'Maybe I can do it too.'"

Her experience reflects one of Rustman's defining qualities: accessibility. From first-time competitors like high school junior Emily Walter to determined individuals like Vicki Hogue — who completed the race solo in a rain-soaked finish — the event welcomes all levels of partic



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ipation.

At the front of the field, Mandy Melody delivered a standout performance, becoming the overall winner with a time of 2:26:13 — one of the few women in Rustman history to break the 2:30 mark.

Now a seven-time competitor, Melody's journey didn't begin with experience. "When I moved here, I couldn't even swim across the pool," she said. "You just start."

Her success underscores what Rustman represents at

every level. "Enthusiasm is common, but endurance is rare," she said. "You just keep going."

Eric Miller claimed his first male title in his eighth race, finishing in 2:35:34 — a result that surprised even him as he crossed the line.

Behind every competitor is a network of support. From volunteers and organizers to students, teachers, and families lining the course, Rustman thrives because of the people who show up — not just to compete, but to encourage.

Kwajalein Schools were strongly represented this year, with students competing individually and on teams, and teachers joining the field alongside them — reinforcing the event's role as both athletic challenge and community connector.

In the end, Rustman is not defined by times or placements, but by moments.

A pregnant mother swimming with her child.

A young boy discovering his strength.

A teacher inspiring her students.

A first-time finisher crossing the line in the rain.

On an island defined by

distance, Rustman brings people together — not just to test endurance, but to celebrate it.

And as competitors step into the water each year at Echo Pier, they aren't just beginning a race.

They're continuing a tradition — one built on grit, growth, and the unwavering power of community. ▾



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PROTECTING OUR PLATES: PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN MIESHA “MIMI” DIXON SAFEGUARDS KWAJALEIN’S FOOD SUPPLY

HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

Before most residents on Kwajalein have poured their morning coffee or stepped into the dining facility for breakfast, Miesha “Mimi” Dixon is already on the move.

Flashlight in hand, she methodically examines pallets of newly arrived food shipments, checking expiration dates, verifying temperatures, inspecting packaging for contamination, and scanning for even the smallest signs of pests. Each step is deliberate and precise, all carried out to ensure the safety of the food supply and prevent any potential foodborne illness outbreaks on the island.

As Kwajalein’s public health technician specializing in food sanitation, Dixon serves as the community’s first line

of defense when it comes to food safety. “From the time the food hits this installation to the time it’s consumed or even incinerated, it’s my responsibility,” Dixon said. She takes pride in knowing every meal served on Kwajalein — whether at the dining facility, Surfway or another food outlet — passes through her unseen line of defense before reaching our plates.

From inspecting shipping containers and monitoring refrigeration units to tracking expiration dates and identifying pest contamination, Dixon oversees every step of the process. Her work may happen largely behind the scenes, but its impact reaches every resident on the atoll. “If something isn’t safe, it doesn’t get served,” Dixon said. “That’s the bottom line.”

When residents on Kwajalein sit down to eat, they most rarely think about the exten





sive process that ensures their food is safe. But behind the scenes, there is “Mimi” working diligently to make sure every step of that process meets strict health and safety standards.

With a lifetime of service and originally from Fort Hood, Texas, Dixon grew up in a military family. Both of her parents served, and her father worked as an Infantry Officer (11A). Watching the challenges soldiers faced in the field, particularly with sanitation and food safety, sparked her early interest in public health. “I remember seeing injuries in the field or food poisoning from expired / contaminated rations,” Dixon said. “Even then I was thinking about how those kinds of problems could be prevented.”

That interest eventually led her into the U.S. Army, where she built a 20-year career in preventive medicine and

food inspection. Dixon began as a veterinary food inspector, a role rooted in the Army’s historic “pasture-to-plate” food safety approach. Later, she transitioned to preventive medicine, which focuses broadly on protecting public health in military environments.

After transitioning from active duty in 2022, she continued her service in the Army Reserve while exploring opportunities in the civilian contracting world. In September 2024, she accepted a position on Kwajalein Atoll, bringing decades of food safety experience to the island community.

Dixon’s responsibilities are extensive. She conducts receipt inspections when food shipments arrive on island, examines pallets and containers for contamination, damage or pests, and verifies storage conditions in cold and dry storage facilities.

From there, she performs sanitation inspections at food service facilities, monitors food expiration dates and tests water and ice machines for safety.

If refrigeration units fail or shipments arrive damaged, Dixon determines what food can be salvaged and what must be discarded. “If I pull something off a shelf and say it’s no good, I may have just saved people from getting food poisoning,” she said.

Her work covers 26 facilities across three islands, making her the only person responsible for overseeing the food safety system for the entire community. “It should really be two or three people,” Dixon said with a laugh. “But I manage it with time management, discipline and resilience.”

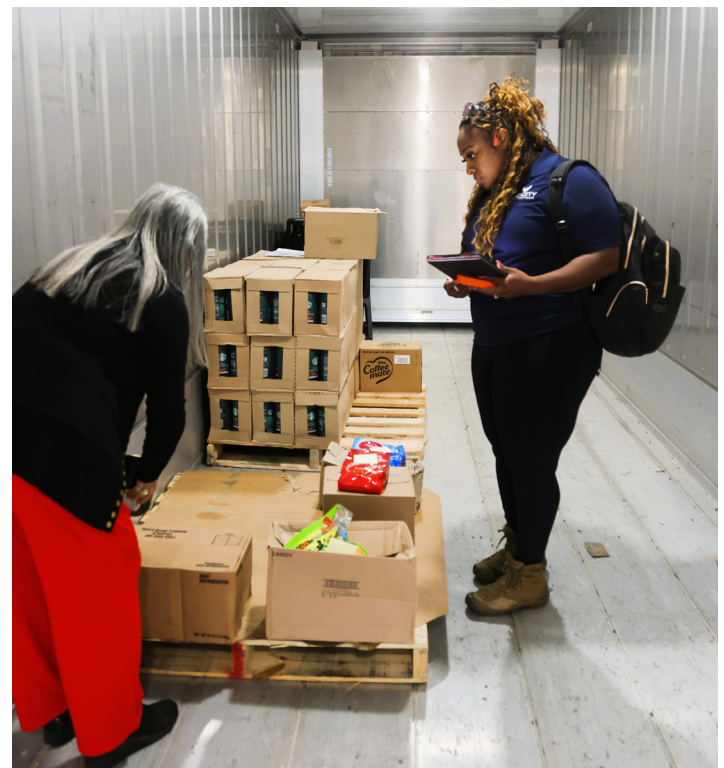
Some of Dixon’s work happens far from public view. From identifying pest infestations in shipments to addressing refrigeration failures, she frequently collaborates with leadership and logistics teams to find solutions that protect both health and resources.

One recent challenge involved identifying and man-

aging confused flour beetles discovered in dry food shipments. Because the insects reproduce quickly and contaminate food supplies, even a single beetle can require an entire pallet of food to be condemned. “It’s frustrating sometimes,” she said. “But protecting the health of the community always comes first.”

To strengthen oversight, Dixon established stronger coordination with public health officials in Hawaii and helped implement quarterly inspections with Army public health teams. Her goal is to build systems and accountability that will last long after she moves on from the position. “I’m not just here to collect a paycheck,” she said. “I want to leave things better than I found them.”

For her, the job goes far beyond inspections and reports. “I love knowing that what I do makes a difference,” she said. “If the community can eat safely and not worry about getting sick, then I know I’m doing my job.” Her long-term goals include earning a second degree in marine biology, which she is currently pursuing while continuing



her public health work.

Dixon hopes to remain on Kwajalein for several years as she continues improving food safety systems and building stronger partnerships between local operations and public health organizations. For her, the path from military service to public health work on Kwajalein feels like a natural continuation of the mission she began decades ago. The same dedication that once guided her work

protecting soldiers in the field now guides her efforts safeguarding the health of an island community. Dixon's efforts help ensure that every meal served on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur meets the standard she believes every community deserves: safe, healthy and protected.

Outside of work, Dixon has embraced the unique opportunities island life provides. An avid lover of the ocean, she recently earned her boat-

ing license and will pursue her scuba diving certification. She also enjoys snorkeling and exploring shipwrecks and reefs around the atoll. "I've never seen a more beautiful place," she said. "Being in the water here feels like entering a completely different world."

And when the workday ends and she slips beneath the clear blue waters surrounding Kwajalein and Roi-Namur to explore reefs and

prepare for her next boating adventure, there's often a reminder of why protecting the environment and the people who live within it matters.

From safeguarding the food supply to studying the ocean through marine biology, she upholds the same sense of purpose: caring for the people and thriving on a lifelong commitment to service — both on land and beneath the sea. ▾





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# FROM CORNFIELDS TO CORAL REEFS

### HOURLASS REPORT

By **Isaiah Matthews**,  
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For Ariel Smock, new Youth Education Specialist with Child and Youth Services, the journey to Kwajalein began far from the ocean.

Raised in a small farm town in southern Illinois, Smock said the sense of community and family that shaped her childhood remains one of the most important parts of who she is today.

“The simple life, just living a small, farm town life, big community, family,” Smock said. “The community and being by family has been one of the most important parts from my childhood.”

That foundation of close-knit community and connection is something she now hopes to help foster her in her new role.

Though she grew up surrounded by cornfields rather than coastlines, Smock said she always felt drawn to the natural world.

“There was never a defining moment,” she stated. “I’ve always just been drawn to wildlife and the ocean.”

As a child, that meant spending time outdoors catching frogs, bugs and snakes, and immersing herself in the world of animals at every opportunity.

It also meant growing up with a very specific role model. “My biggest inspiration is Steve Irwin,” recollected Smock. “I wanted to be the ocean version of Steve Irwin.”

That childhood dream would eventually carry her far beyond Illinois.

Before arriving on Kwajalein, Smock lived and worked in Hawaii, South Africa, Australia and Alaska, experiences she said helped shape who she has become.

“I think every place I’ve been, I’ve discovered a new version of myself,” Smock said. “I’ve become a new Ariel along the way.”

Each move brought new environments, new people and new ways of seeing the world.

Travel, she said, taught her that communities may look different on the surface, but people often share the same core values of connection, generosity and belonging.

Of all the places she has lived, South Africa left the strongest mark.

“It was the one place I’ve felt true peace and happiness,” Smock stated with a smile. “I wasn’t worried about the outside world.”

She described the experience as eye-opening, not only because of the environment, but because of the people and the way they cared for one another.

That sense of peace also comes to her underwater.

As a diver and marine educator, Smock said the ocean has always been where she feels most grounded.

“Underwater is a completely different environment than what we’re used to,” she said. “It’s where I do some of my best thinking. It’s where I’m the calmest.”

For Smock, the underwater world is more than scenery. It is a place that demands patience, awareness and trust, qualities she now brings into her work with youth.

Even outside of work, the water remains where she spends much of her time.

“I spend at least 90% of my free time in the water,” she said.

Her transition into youth education began during college, when she worked with surrendered exotic animals at a rescue facility. Those animals became part of educational outreach programs for schools and libraries, allowing her to

combine two passions she once saw as separate.

"That was where I really realized I could have education and wildlife combined," Smock said. "Ever since then, all I've wanted to do was be in the education field."

Now, in her role with CYS, Smock hopes to inspire the same sense of wonder and confidence in young people.

"I want them to feel passionate about whatever it is they're passionate about," she said. "I want them to be unapologetically themselves."

For Smock, mentorship

means helping youth understand that there is no single, prescribed path in life.

"I think they need someone that shows them that they can go after whatever they want in life," she said.

That belief reflects her own journey, one shaped by curiosity, risk-taking and the willingness to follow an unconventional path.

Coming to Kwajalein felt like the right next step.

With her parents already living on island and her long-term dream of one day opening a marine biology summer

camp, the opportunity offered both personal and professional meaning.

"This environment, this school system, living with family, was just a no-brainer," Smock said.

Living near family again after nearly a decade apart has been especially meaningful.

"This is my first time living near my family in nearly a decade, and it is the best," she said.

Looking ahead, Smock hopes her time on Kwajalein will leave a lasting impact on the youth and families she serves.

"I hope that years down the line, if they have followed their dreams or passions, they will reach out to me and let me know that what I did left a lasting impact," she said.

From the cornfields of Illinois to the waters of Kwajalein, Smock's journey has always been guided by curiosity, connection and a love for the natural world.

Now, she hopes to help the next generation discover where their own passions may lead. ▲





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# KWAJALEIN SCHOOLS CELEBRATE A YEAR OF ART: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STYLE

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Anthony Carnelli, Hourglass Story Writer

Twenty-six years into teaching art on Kwajalein, K-12 Art Teacher Jane Christy “Art Mamma” decided it was time for a theme she’d never used before. She landed on National Geographic, and it shaped both of this year’s annual student art shows — George Seitz Elementary School on April 14 and Kwajalein Junior-Senior High School on April 17, both held in the elementary school art room.

For Christy, who organized both shows, the shared theme was a way to open the door as wide as possible and let students walk through it in their own direction.

“The elementary school art show theme this year was

National Geographic, so it included a little bit of everything,” she said. “The idea was to showcase a range of subjects inspired by that theme — nature, interesting places, different cultures, customs and food.”

The choice of theme was, itself, a small act of reinvention. “We always try to do something a little different,” Christy said.

At the elementary show, K-5 students leaned into the range the theme allowed. “We ended up using a variety of art forms, from painting to clay, mask-making, collage and natural sculptures — you name it,” Christy said. Families moved through the room reading their children’s names next to pieces that, together, read less like a class assignment and more like a field guide drawn by 5- to 11-year-olds.

Three days later, the junior-senior high school show opened in the same space with the same theme but a noticeably bigger reach. Students tackled shark species studies, masks drawn from

cultures around the globe, Bob Ross-style landscape paintings and culturally inspired works in clay and plaster. The hands-on mediums were the clear favorites.

“Everybody loves clay,”







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ABOVE: John Thygerson and band friends enjoying a sunset oceanview jam session together.

## COMMUNITY

# A PLACE TO PAUSE: THE HEART BEHIND KWAJALEIN'S BELOVED SURF SHACK

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Story Writer

Tucked along the shoreline where waves roll in steady rhythm and sunsets stretch across the sky in vivid color, the Surf Shack has quietly become one of Kwajalein's most cherished spaces. It isn't marked by signs or formal recognition, yet for many, it holds a presence that feels both grounding and essential. More than just a place to sit, it has become a place to arrive — fully, intentionally, and without rushing.

At the center of it all is Lisa Thygerson-Forester, whose care and quiet dedication shaped the Surf Shack into what it is today. What appears simple on the surface — a shaded spot by the ocean — carries a much deeper story rooted in memory, partnership, and a desire to create something meaningful not just for herself, but for the entire community.

For Lisa and her husband, the location has long held personal significance. "It's been one of our favorite spots since we were teenagers here in the 90s," she shared. "It's where he used to surf, so it holds a lot of memories for

us." Years later, when they returned to Kwajalein as adults, those memories resurfaced with new possibilities. Her husband had often talked about building something there — a simple place to gather, to rest, to take in the view. Together, they brought that vision to life.

Inspired by the "boat shacks" that once dotted the island — informal gathering places that have mostly disappeared over time — they created their own version. "We didn't have a boat," Lisa explained, "so we created our own version: a shack with a view." The name came naturally, a reflection of the spot's history and identity. "Surf Shack just felt right."

What they didn't anticipate was how deeply the space would resonate with others.

"I didn't expect the community to embrace it the way they did," Lisa said. "But people really connected with it, and that's been really special to see."

That connection is easy to understand. The Surf Shack offers something increasingly rare: stillness. Whether it's watching surfers move effortlessly across the water, listening to the steady crash





ABOVE: A Marshallese man learning to play Lisa's crystal singing bowls after passing by to enjoy the view.

of waves, or simply sitting in silence as the sun dips below the horizon, the space invites people to slow down and be present.

For Lisa, caring for the Surf Shack became something more than a project, it became a grounding force. "It gave me a sense of purpose and connection," she said. "It made my time here feel more meaningful, especially seeing how much others have come to enjoy and appreciate the space."

Over time, the shack has quietly collected stories. An anonymous community member placed a guest book there, inviting visitors to leave a piece of their experience behind. The pages now hold reflections of gratitude, moments of peace, and small glimpses into the lives of those who have passed through.

Some moments, however, stay with Lisa more vividly than others.

One in particular stands out — a simple, unexpected interaction that captured the spirit of the space. While playing her crystal singing bowls one day, their soft, resonant tones carrying through the air, a young Marshallese man stopped nearby, drawn in by the unfamiliar sound. "He just stood there, watching in amazement," she recalled.

She invited him to sit, to listen, and eventually to try playing the bowls himself. As she guided him, curiosity turned into excitement. "There was this quiet stillness in that moment," she said. "The kind you feel at the Surf Shack when everything slows down and people just take it in."

It was a brief exchange,

but a meaningful one — a reminder that connection doesn't always require words. Sometimes it's found in shared presence, in curiosity, in a willingness to pause.

Now, as Lisa prepares to leave the island, her focus has shifted from creation to preservation.

She has started a petition encouraging the Garrison



team to recognize the Surf Shack as a permanent scenic location — not to formalize it beyond recognition, but to protect what it already offers. “My hope is that it continues to be a place where people feel welcome, connected, and at ease,” she said. “Something safe and lasting for the community.”

Equally important to her is what happens next at a more personal level. The Surf Shack was never intended to

belong to one person, and its future, she believes, depends on those who continue to show up for it.

“More than anything, I hope the community takes ownership of it in their own way,” she said. “Caring for it, gathering there, creating their own memories.”

As she prepares to pass the torch, her message is simple — and very much in line with the spirit of the space itself.

“Take care of it, but don’t

overthink it,” she said. “It was never meant to be anything fancy. It’s the simplicity that makes it special. Just keep it welcoming, keep it safe, and let it be a place where people can slow down and connect.”

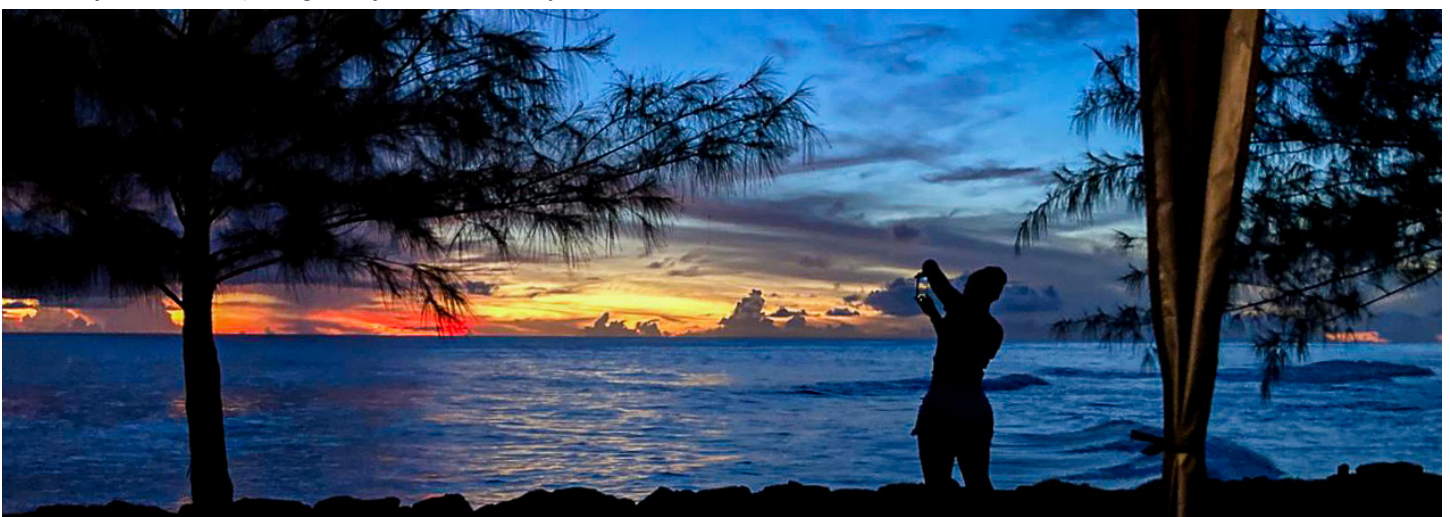
In a community like Kwajalein, where shared spaces often shape shared lives, the Surf Shack stands as a quiet but powerful reminder: meaningful places don’t need to be grand or permanent to matter. Sometimes,

all it takes is intention, care, and the willingness to create something for others.

As the sun dips below the horizon and another day fades into night, the Surf Shack remains — steady, welcoming, and full of quiet stories — just waiting for the next person to arrive, sit, and simply breathe while taking it all in. ▾



ABOVE: Lisa having a moment of reflection after completing the grounds upkeep for the Surf Shack. BELOW: A couple experiencing a date night at the Surf Shack and capturing one of its extraordinarily scenic sunsets.





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# KWAJALEIN SOFTBALL WEEKLY RECAP: CLOSE CALLS, BIG WINS AND TEAMS ON THE RISE

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Annette Monk, Hourglass Staff Writer

Another exciting week of softball action wrapped up on Kwajalein, with tight finishes, standout performances, and several teams gaining momentum as the season continues to unfold. While a few forfeits affected the Women's League schedule, the games that hit the field brought plenty of energy and competitive spirit.

#### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

##### Sup-Fly Continues Its Climb

Sup-Fly put together a strong week, earning two wins and showing they're becoming a real contender in the standings.

##### Sup-Fly 10, Spartans 1 (8)

A close, competitive matchup from start to finish. Sup-Fly

held their composure late and secured the win, continuing their upward trend this season.

##### Sup-Fly 12, Pitch Perfect 0

A tough outing for Pitch Perfect, who struggled to find their rhythm at the plate. Sup-Fly capitalized early and never looked back.

With a few forfeits sprinkled throughout the week, the Women's League still managed to deliver solid action and signs of shifting momentum.

#### MEN'S B LEAGUE

The Men's B division remains one of the most dynamic and unpredictable leagues this season, with several teams making big statements.

##### Yokwe 16, Arkel B 3

Yokwe's offense stayed hot, while Arkel B continued to bring positive energy and sportsmanship despite the loss.

##### H2 Imports 12, NTL 1

H2 Imports extended their

winning streak with another dominant performance, showcasing strong pitching and consistent hitting.

##### Ebejedrik 16, Mid Corridor 15

One of the closest games of the week. Both teams traded big innings, but Ebejedrik held on in a nail-biter.

##### Lojokomlak 20, Arkel A 2

Lojokomlak's bats were on fire, powering them to a commanding win.

##### Monkubok 10, KAYFC 0

Monkubok controlled the game from the first pitch, securing a shutout victory.

With several teams heating up, the Men's B League is shaping into a competitive race heading into mid-season.

#### MEN'S A LEAGUE

The Men's A division delivered intensity and late-inning drama this week.

##### Under the Radar 11, Spar-

##### tans 1 (6)

Spartans 1 kept the game close through the late innings, but Under the Radar pulled away with a strong final push to secure the win.

##### Usual Suspects 18, Ekk In Ae 7

A tense matchup early on, but the Suspects broke it open with timely hitting and steady defense to claim the victory.

The Men's A League continues to showcase high-level play and competitive matchups each week.

#### CO-ED LEAGUE

The Co-ed division brought excitement, big swings, and late-game rallies.

##### Lanlords 18, Rainbow Runners 15

Lanlords jumped out to a huge early lead, but the Rainbow Runners mounted an impressive late-inning comeback to close the gap. A thrilling fin-

ish for both teams.

**Helmet Crabs 20, Spartans 2 (3)**

Helmet Crabs controlled the game from start to finish with strong hitting and solid defense.

**Blue Footed Boobies 12, Spartans 2 (6)**

The Boobies kept their offense rolling, while Spartans 2 showed resilience and improvement throughout the game.

The Co-ed League continues to deliver some of the most entertaining games of the season, with big swings and even big-

ger comebacks.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

As the season progresses, teams are finding their rhythm, rivalries are forming, and every game is starting to matter just a little more. With more matchups on the horizon — and a few rain-delayed games still to be made up — next week promises even more action across all leagues.

Softball on Kwajalein remains a highlight of community life, bringing players and fans together for spirited, fun, and competitive evenings under the lights. ▼



## Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when the standards for reclaimed water are not met. On 15, 16, and 28 February 2026, the minimum chlorine residual concentration at the entry point to the reclaimed water distribution dropped to 0.6 ppm (parts per million), 0.6 ppm, and 0.7 ppm, respectively for less than 16 hours each time. The minimum chlorine residual concentration standard is 1.0 ppm. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the entry point to the distribution system. **No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc.)** of reclaimed water are necessary. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from this chlorine minimum. Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

## Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) aikuj karon jukjuk in ped, elane standards eo ilo jikin liklik dren ejjab tobar jonon ko. . Ilo 15, 16, im 28 February 2026, dretton chlorine residual concentration eo ej dreton non jikin liklik dren in ekar ajej im walloltak non jonin 0.6 ppm (parts per million), 0.6 ppm, im 0.7 ppm respectively ilo an driklok jen 16 awa ilo kajojo awa. Jonon chlorine residual concentration standard eo 1.0 ppm ilo ar kar ilik chlorine non karreoiki jen jonon in ej dreton ilo an driwojlok jen jikin liklik in. **Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jermal ko eirlokwo)** non aikuij ko **jet**. Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed in ilo an kalik karelok jen drettan chlorine eo. Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.

# Monthly tip from the USAG-KA Fire Prevention Office

## Pet Fire Safety

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.



## Fire Safety Tips

Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.

Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.



### **FACT**

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.

Celebrate **Mom** with a **delightful**

# Mother's Day Brunch

on **Sunday, May 10, 2026**

at the **MP Room.**

Available seating for reservation:



Time slot 1: 10.00 – 11.00

Time slot 2: 11.30 – 12.30

Time slot 3: 13.00 – 14.00

*Early reservation is recommended to secure preferred table arrangements.*

*Book your slot at the MWR Library before May 4, 2026*

**\$30** per person



# BOAT CAPTAIN CLASS



**April 27-28, 5.00 P.M.**

**At the Automotive Classroom**

**Sign up at the Small Boat Marina  
during normal operating hours.**

**480-3643**

**\$40 Fee**



## E-wareness: *Regulated Medical Waste (RMW)*



RMW generated at the Hospital, Dispensaries, Dental Clinic, and Vet Services is collected by trained personnel and escorted to the incinerators for disposal.

Please contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722 if you have any questions.

### **MARSHALLESE TRANSLATION**

Kwobej ko jen Hospital, jikin takto ko, jikin koman ni, im jikin takto menin mour rej boklak nan dump bwe ren bwil ilo jikin kattil en. Ewör ro emōj train er ñōn lolorjaki kwobej kein.

Kir lok V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722 kin kajitök.



# APRIL 2026 – Load Test Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>The scheduled load testing is for monthly maintenance on the generators and the ATS Systems. Functioning backup systems are used in case of power outages.</b></p>				<p>9  <b>BLDG 1010 BMDTS</b>            LCV2005747            550-01            09:00-10:00  <b>BLDG 1008 MDA</b>            LCV2004601            200-08            10:15-11:15  <b>BLDG 845 DSCS</b>            (SATCOMM)            LCV2005750            350-07            13:00-14:00</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11  <b>BLDG 1349 TACON</b>            FACILITY            LCV2013754            150-02            09:00-10:00  <b>BLDG 754 GENERATOR</b>            SHELTER (DASAR)            LCV2013752            100-12            10:15-11:15  <b>BLDG 907 WEATHER</b>            STATION            LCV2005760            130-26            14:00-15:00</p>
<p>12  <b>BLDGS 700,735, 853 LC</b>            SUPPORT, V2X HR,            PMO            LCV2011054            40-100            09:00-10:00</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  <b>BLDG 639 COLD</b>            STORAGE            LCV2005756            500-07            10:00-11:00</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16  <b>BLDG 904 FIRE</b>            STATION            LCV2005754            60-01            13:00-14:00</p>	<p>17  <b>BLDG 754 GENERATOR</b>            SHELTER (DASAR)            LCV2013752            100-12            13:00-14:00</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21  <b>BLDG 1261 GPS</b>            LCV2005749            125-14            13:00-14:00</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23  <b>BLDG 1017 HG</b>            TRANSMITTER BLDG            LCV2005745            60-09            09:00-10:00</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27  <b>BLDG 897</b>            AIRPORT TERMINAL            LCV2005761            30-25</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		



## Kwajalein Atoll

Do you have a Concern or Kudos?  
 Go to the Interactive Customer Evaluation  
 and give us your feedback.

**GO  
TO**

**ICE**  
 INTERACTIVE CUSTOMER EVALUATION

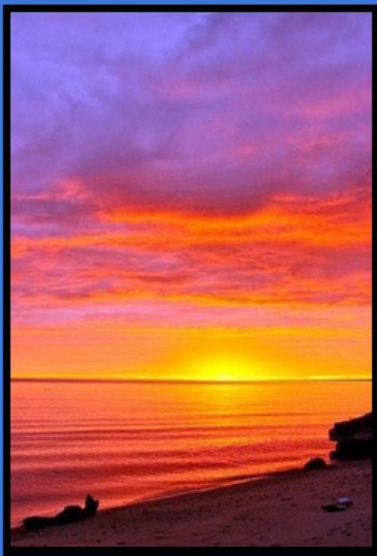




26-27 KINDERGARTEN

ENROLLMENT  
**SCAN  
ME**

CALL  
480-3601  
for an online  
link



## Kwajalein Schools Spring Band Concerts:

Jr/Sr High School Bands:  
Thursday, April 30 @ 6:30pm

GSES Bands:  
Friday, May 1 @ 5:15pm

Davey Davis Multi Purpose Room

**Accepting Donations:** breakfast bars, granola bars, and snacks for our Ri-Katak students.



### Fogging Schedule

- 5:30-7:30 P.M.
- Roi Namur: April 24, 2026
- Kwajalein: April 28, 2026, thru April 30, 2026
- Weather dependent
- Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

### Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

- Liquid botanical oil insecticide
- Active ingredients include Thyme Oil & Rosemary Oil
- Safe to use in and around homes and near water
- Safe to use around children and pets

### Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes:

- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
- Dump any accumulated water at least weekly
- Manage vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves

### Do your part to eliminate flies:

- Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles.
- Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans.
- Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.

#### Dump standing water



# ALWAYS CALL...

...if your building's Fire Alarm is sounding



## Meal Card scanning from AIE Badge



FROM THIS

TO THIS  
AIE BADGE



We have begun transitioning the Meal Card system to accept the new AIE badge, replacing the need to carry a meal card. Thank you for your patience as we streamline your dining experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask for a manager at the dining facility and we can explain the process.

## Dome Home Trash & Recycling



V2X will be installing Green Residential Trash bins and Blue Recycle bins at each Dome Home. This will be a new experience for our Dome Home residents that we hope will enhance your stay on our island.

Please be sure your personal property and potted plants are set safely back from the road.

**Please keep curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it visits each Dome.**

*CARDBOARD and PLASTICS are not recycled on Kwajalein.*

*TRASH and RECYCLE bins are collected Tuesday and Friday.*

*You can deposit all glass, aluminum, bottles and metal into the same blue recycle bin.*

**For Questions, call 480-1760**



## BARGAIN BAZAAR: COMMUNITY & MISSION

- Volunteer-run resale shop on Kwajalein
- Donations fund scholarships & school grants
- Supports education across the Marshall Islands & Micronesia
- Open Every Wednesday 4:30 to 6:30 PM  
& 1st Saturday 4:00 to 6:00 PM
- Promotes reduce, reuse & recycle
- A hub for connection and community

### **We Accept:**

Clean clothing, baby gear, shoes, linens, kitchenware, décor, working electronics, books, toys, school supplies, jewelry & holiday décor

### **We Do NOT Accept:**

Food or medications

### **How to Donate:**

Stop by DSC for gate access

Bring items directly to BB door

Wrap breakables & attach cords

*Donations*

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE YYWC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.  
KOMMOLTATA FOR YOUR DONATION!**

# VOLUNTEER

The Mic Shop is always looking for Volunteers!

It is a great way to connect with the community and help our mission of **Education Grants and Scholarships**

Contact **Jacki Blumenauer** (jackiblume64@hotmail.com) or stop in the Mic Shop

**Only 2 hours of your time each month to make a big difference**

**Sundays and Mondays: 12:00pm - 2:00pm  
Wednesdays and Fridays: 4:30pm - 6:30pm**



## Monthly tip from the USAG-KA Fire Prevention Office

### Parking near Fire Protection Devices

Never park or chain a bike to red painted fire protection piping.

Do not park in front of a fire hydrant.

Do not block facility EXITS with bikes or vehicles.

Do not store items within 3 feet of fire sprinkler systems.

Combustible storage is prohibited in electrical mechanical rooms.

Do not store bikes or other items underneath inside stairwells.





# Rusty Family Triathlon

The Rusty Family is another Kwaj tradition - a triathlon consisting of an approximately 600 m swim, 10 mile bike and a 2 mile run.

The race is on **Monday, May 4**, starting at 4:30 PM, but you must pre-register by Thursday, April 30. Forms on mini-mall bulletin board downtown or on Facebook. **Note: Helmets are REQUIRED for all bike participants.**

Turn registration forms into Bob or Jane Sholar at Qtrs 210A.  
Questions? Call Bob and Jane at 480-0704

**Volunteers are also needed to support the event. Contact Bob and Jane if you can help out on race day.**



Tried to STOP, But You  
Can't

Has Alcohol become an  
OBSESSION

There is a Solution to  
the Problem with Alcohol

**REACH OUT FOR  
HELP**

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ROOM 214 KWAJ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
BUILDING (UPSTAIRS)

BUILDING #671

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY

7PM-8PM

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [kwajchapel@gmail.com](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com)  
OR CALL 480-2116



**American  
Red Cross**

Service to the Armed Forces

## **Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll**

Join the American Red Cross and help bring our Services and Programs to the Kwajalein Atoll community!

**Online & Virtual Training Provided**

**No experience needed!**

We provide all necessary training. Just bring your passion and commitment to helping others!

Contact **Alana Wilson** at [alana.wilson@redcross.org](mailto:alana.wilson@redcross.org)

Let's work together to build a more prepared and resilient community.

# Kwajalein to Ebeye Ferry Schedule



- C-BADGE WORKERS** have priority, EXCEPT on the following runs:
  - 0650 run (arriving at Ebeye at 0715) High Schools students have priority ridership.
  - 0720 run (arriving at Ebeye at 0745) and the 1600 run (departing from Kwaj) Kwajalein School Guest students have priority rider-ship.
- On Stevedoring days, workers involved with cargo operations have priority on the 2000 ferry.
- SMOKING, TOBACCO, CHEW, BETEL NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.
- Boats will not be overloaded: Maximum capacities are 150 passengers (CATs and ferries) and that number may be reduced during inclement weather or at the Captain's discretion due to safety concerns.
- Meck catamarans may operate on a dynamic schedule and will be available by calling Meck Management.
- SATURDAY ONLY – THERE WILL NOT BE A 2130 FERRY INSTEAD THE FERRY WILL DEPART AT 2200.**

## EBEYE – Tuesday to Saturday

## EBEYE – Sunday & Holiday

ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	TYPE	ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	TYPE
	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	VESSEL	KWAJ	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	VESSEL
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1	0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1
0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1	1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2	1700	1725	1730	1755	FB N
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
0900	0925	0930	0955	FB	2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A	Holidays only ADD extra run below				
1300	1325	1330	1355	FB	1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB A	Monday				
1600	1625	1630	1655	FB A	0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB A	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A	0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB A	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N	1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N	1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N
(TUESDAY-FRIDAY) 2130 is final run of day					1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N	1900	1925	1930	1955	FB N
SATURDAY - No 2130 ferry; 2200 is final run of day					2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
FB =	Ferry	Boat			2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N



# Roi-Namur / Enniburr Ferry Schedule



## Tuesday to Saturday

Run Number	ETD Roi-Namur	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi-Namur	Vessel
1	0520	0535	0555	0610	FB
2	0730	0745	0805	0820	FB
3	1250	1305	1325	1340	FB
4	1715	1730	1750	1805	FB
5	1940	1955	2015	2030	FB

## Sunday-Monday-Holiday

Run Number	ETD Roi-Namur	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi-Namur	Vessel
1	0650	0705	0725	0740	FB
2	0940	0955	1015	1030	FB
3	1450	1505	1525	1540	FB
4	1940	1955	2015	2030	FB

### FIRST PRIORITY: BADGE WORKERS

Passengers are to board and disembark ONLY at the gangway area. As deemed by the Captain, any passengers, who are unruly and pose a safety hazard to the crew, other passengers, or vessel will not be allowed to ride the ferry. Maximum passenger load is 150 passengers.

**SMOKING, TOBACCO CHEWING, BEETLE-NUT, EATING and DRINKING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON ALL FERRIES.**

The clock kept by the ferry Captain is the official time. Departure times from Roi-Namur are mandatory times. Return times to Roi-Namur may change slightly due to the offloading of water at Enniburr.

Any questions? Please call the Port Captain in Kwajalein, 480-2173.

# Kwajalein Island Trash & Recycling

Residential Trash Collection 480-1760  
Yard Vegetation Collection 480-1890  
Hazardous Waste Pickup Line 480-8858



## TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

The Green Residential TRASH receptacles are collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.  
The blue RECYCLE bins are also collected every **Tuesday and Friday**.  
The large black General Solid Waste Community Containers are emptied on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

**Safety First!** Please keep any curious children away from the Compactor Truck as it feeds contents into the truck.

Recyclable materials are also collected by both *solid waste* and *horizontal maintenance personnel*, in conjunction with general trash collection. Currently the island only recycles glass, aluminum, metal, and bulk organic materials. **Cardboard and plastics are not recycled materials on Kwajalein.** These items should be placed into the general trash stream for disposal/incineration.



Residential users will be given a **green trash** receptacle and a smaller **blue receptacle** for recyclable materials. It is requested that residences place their recyclable items into the blue containers, and stack larger materials next to the bins. Lawn clippings and leaves should be bagged and placed next to bins. Palm fronds and coconuts should also be stacked up next to the bins for removal by horizontal maintenance personnel.



## Kwajalein /Roi-Namur Driver Licensing

Kwajalein classes are every Wednesday.

- 9:00 a.m. Marshallese
- 12:45 p.m. EXPATS **by appointment only as class size is limited**
- Building 856, Room 101 at the Vehicle Maintenance Compound
- To register, send email to the following: [George.parker3@gov2x.com](mailto:George.parker3@gov2x.com) and [Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com) or stop by Bldg 856, Room 101

Roi-Namur Classes are every 2nd Friday (time base on flight schedule and location is Building C). No registration needed for Roi classes. Send any questions to the emails above.

Now Available by Appointment...

# PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES

# PASSPORT

Located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 805 on Kwajalein. When taking your photo, remember the following guidance for a successful shoot:

- Directly face the camera without tilting your head.
- Have a neutral facial expression with both eyes open and mouth closed.
- Take off your eyeglasses, headphones or wireless hands-free device.
- Do not wear a uniform, clothing that looks like a uniform, or camouflage.
- Remove hats or head coverings or submit a signed statement or doctor's note that says you must wear it for religious or medical purposes.



*United States  
of America*



To schedule an appointment,  
contact IMD/AVD personnel at:

[KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:KwajaleinHourglass@gov2x.com)



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# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

**OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*The island community is invited to submit listings for events and for sale items; announcements; department trainings; safety updates; public service messages; and thank-you messages.*

### Preparing Your Message

*For questions about your messaging, please reach out to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at 480-4848.*

*Ads should always include a point of contact, phone number and/or email address.*

*Private parties, fundraisers and events requesting and/or accepting donations are typically not allowed for publication per AR 360-1. Fundraisers and support activities for private and schools-based organizations, scouting groups, civic clubs and other listings may be subject to a legal counsel review to determine their eligibility for publication.*

### Formatting Your Listings

*It is recommended that graphical adver-*

*tisements and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.*

*Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.*

*If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.*

### Deadlines for Submissions

*Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to [kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com) on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.*

*Roller Channel ads are accepted on a rolling basis by 4 p.m. for a mid-week and late-week update. Ads received after 4 p.m. will be loaded in the next update. Please ensure you submit ads in good time to ensure timely upload.*

For more information, reach out to the USAG-KA Command team through the USAG-KA Facebook page.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFH Construction Is Ongoing.** Nan, Inc. Construction is scheduled to commence the telecommunication scope of work for the Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community. Residents and commuters should be aware of possible changes in traffic patterns and to plan their routes accordingly. Nan, Inc. Construction is committed to minimizing any inconveniences, and we will strive to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

**ArMA.** Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. Contact Public Works at 480-3550.

**CAC Office.** Before your visit to the Common Access Card Office, ensure all paperwork is completed by your human resources representative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.). Call 480-8496.

**Demolition at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility.** Phase three of the Zamperini DFAC demo has begun and is projected to be finished March 2026 for the dining and serving area. Be careful around the dining facility during the phases.

**Do Not Take Cultural Artifacts.** It is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any protected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate

Captain Tameka Edmonson  
SHARP Victim Advocate  
Work: 480-1419 or

Major Matthew DeMartino  
Work: 480-1402

USAG-KA SHARP

Pager: 808-580-3241  
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

**Emergency Management.** Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage, <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>; 2) Click on "Mass Notification"; 3) Follow the registration instructions.

**E-Wareness:** It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and arrange with automotive for routine maintenance. Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions. Ej an ri-kator eo eddo non lolorjake bwe wa eo ejjab leak jabdewot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdewot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

**Fire Safety Tips.** Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.

**Flights.** Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands: ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469; United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1; Air Terminal Services: 480-2660; Flight Information Recording: 480-3589

**UA Schedule Effective Now:** Monday and Friday—UA 155 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:50 p.m.;

Wednesday—UA 133 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM); Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

FlyRoi Reservations. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email [LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com](mailto:LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com).

How to dress in the RMI. Out of respect for the Marshallese culture, residents are asked to dress appropriately when visiting Ebeye, Third Island, or anywhere within Kwajalein Atoll. Women should wear clothing to cover shoulders and knees. None are permitted to wear shorts when visiting churches on Ebeye. Men should wear long slacks to church.

Kwaj Small Boat Marina hours are 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 7:30 a.m. – noon. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

Not Feeling Well? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID-19 test, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are around others in the community.

Operational Security. See something, say something. All employees on USAG-KA are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training provided by KRO; Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at Bldg. 1163.

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact Jose Burgos-Rivera with questions at 480-3461 and [Jose.Burgos-Rivera@gov2x.com](mailto:Jose.Burgos-Rivera@gov2x.com).

Salon Walk-Ins. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appointments are available on Fridays from 1:30 - 6 p.m.

Smoking. USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

Taxi Service. Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to

# HELP WANTED

For employment with contractors within the U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll please check contractor company websites for employment opportunities.

book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

Millican Family Pool Hours. Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment  
Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!  
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131  
ACUITY International

Kwajalein / Roi Namur Licensing Classes on Kwajalein are every Wednesday @0900 Marshallese @1245 Expats (by appointment only as class side is limited)  
Classes are in Bldg. 856 Rm 101, Vehicle Maintenance Compound  
Roi classes every 2nd Friday in Bldg. C, timed based on flight schedule  
No registration needed for Roi classes.  
To register, send email to either of the following:  
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[Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com)  
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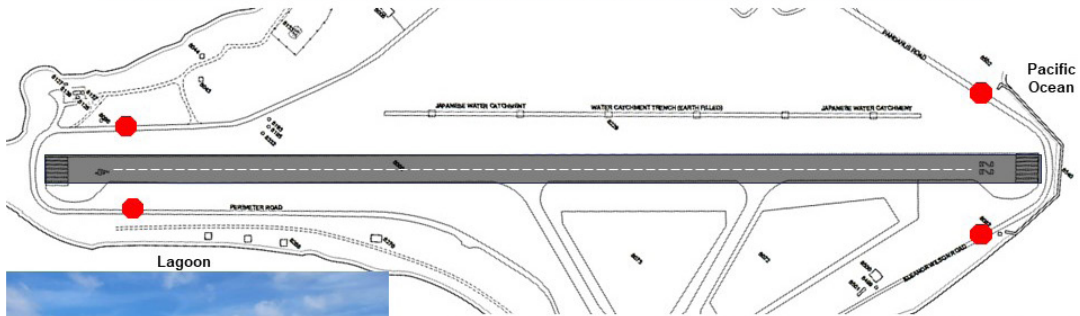


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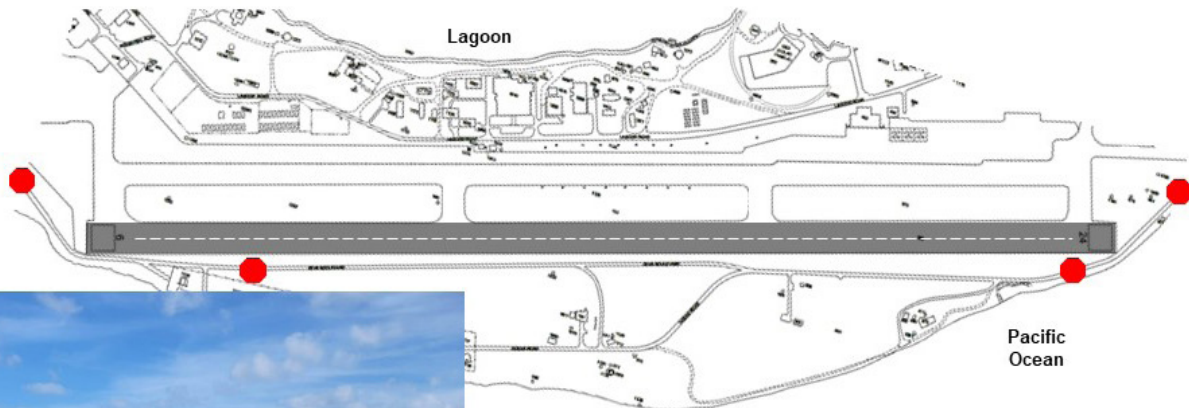


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# NOW SHOWING at the YUK THEATER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
"Finding Nemo" (2003)  
(G) 100 min.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
"Ant-Man and the Wasp" (2018)  
(PG-13) 118 min.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
"Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)  
(PG) 115 min.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**  
"The Blues Brothers" (1980)  
(PG-13) 133 min.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
"Ice Age – Collision Course" (2016)  
(PG) 94 min.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
"Iron Man" (2008)  
(PG-13) 126 min.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**  
"Ralph Breaks the Internet" (2018)  
(PG) 112 min.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
"Shazam!: Fury of the Gods" (2023)  
(PG-13) 130 min.



# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

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## Discussion:

April has received 5.79" of rain so far, which is about 1.44" above normal for the month. We have received 24.55" of precipitation for the year, putting us more than 9.33" above normal. Expect a dry weather pattern for the next couple of days across the atoll, but as the trade winds return Friday morning, so will shower chances. Today will be dry with almost calm winds, but tomorrow afternoon typical NE trade winds will return to the mid-teens. Over the weekend we will continue to see the trades surge into the upper teens with higher gusts near showers. This surge in wind will increase localized convergence across the atoll as well as increase the chances for showers. We've had no thunderstorms over the last week. A thunderstorm day is defined by an "in situ" lightning strike, meaning lightning is observed or thunder is heard within five miles of the Kwajalein airfield. The thunderstorm risk will remain

almost negligible through Friday morning, with a slight bump in chances Friday afternoon through Saturday. Although a strong Madden-Julian Oscillation's (MJO) is forecasted, climatologically, late April is a quiet time of year in the global tropics, and there is little indication for cyclogenesis. The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has receded east of the Ratak Chain but will build back into the region over the weekend. El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in la Nina conditions for our part of the Pacific but starting to erode as sea-surface temperatures (SST) between the RMI and the Date Line are now warmer, having less of a negative impact on the RMI's rainfall coverage. Conditions are becoming neutral this month, helping the RMI maintain normal precipitation coverage outside of other parameters. El Nino conditions are becoming more likely this summer, having a positive impact on precipitation for

the RMI and circulation spin-up to our east. Above normal precipitation for the RMI and will see the tropical cyclone risk diminish deeper into the month as an El Nino pattern establishes.

## Tropical Cyclones:

None for the RMI.

## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

Not anticipated.

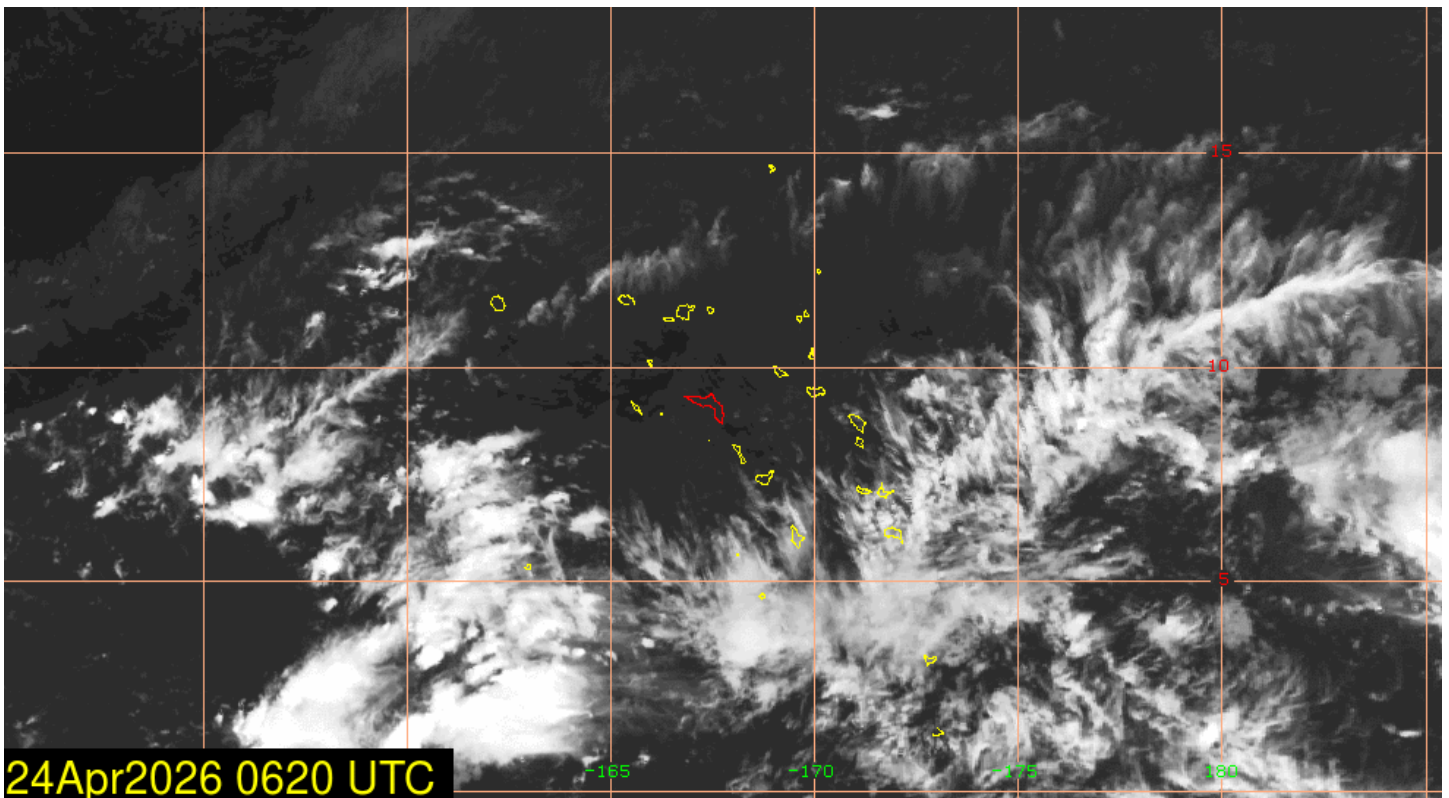
## Swell / Tid Inudation For Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island and Winds:

As the first quarter moon approaches on the 24th we will be in more of a neap tide with a peak high tide of 3.22' and low tide of 1.11'. Winds: N-NE in the low single digits for the rest of today, then look for an NE-N wind direction and an increase in speeds by Thursday afternoon. Friday morning trade winds will return to the mid-teens and continue through the weekend. A Small Craft Advisory (SCA) is not expected. A High

Surf Advisory (HSA) is not expected.

## Purpose:

This weekly briefing is delivered Thursday mornings to island leadership. The intention of this briefing is to provide situational awareness of weather events that may interrupt operations and transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat assessed in this brief is existing and potential development of tropical cyclone activity. This brief also provides an outlook of abnormal winds, sea state, and precipitation guidance for next 7 days around the Kwajalein Atoll. The distribution list will also receive updates on any developing tropical cyclone activity in the Kwajalein region that occur between the weekly outlook products. ⚡



# WEATHER

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## WEATHER DISCUSSION

An increase in shower activity is expected to wrap up the workweek before drier weather moves over the atoll for the upcoming weekend. Increasing trade winds Saturday will create a period of speed convergent showers. Winds will range from the middle to upper teens throughout the weekend as the sub-tropical ridge to the north tightens the pressure gradient across the RMI. Sunday and Monday will remain mostly dry as high pressure dominates the weather pattern. By the beginning of the workweek, the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) will become more organized to our south. As high pressure to our north slides a bit farther to the north, the ITCZ will likely move closer to the central RMI on Tuesday and increase shower coverage throughout the week with a series of atmospheric waves transiting the area. Wind speeds will settle into the low teens as the pressure gradient

relaxes next week.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

As the ITCZ lifts north and close to the central RMI, shower coverage is likely to remain elevated throughout the workweek with heavy rainfall potential and stray thunderstorm chances. Winds will relax into the low teens and upper single digits by Tuesday. ▼

## SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:35 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:38 p.m. 2:31 a.m.	1:09 a.m. 2.6' 1:09 p.m. 3.4'	6:50 a.m. 1.3' 7:44 p.m. 0.6'
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:35 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:27 p.m. 3:13 a.m.	1:57 a.m. 3.2' 2:00 p.m. 3.6'	7:52 a.m. 0.9' 8:19 p.m. 0.3'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:34 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:13 p.m. 3:52 a.m.	2:31 a.m. 3.6' 2:38 p.m. 3.8'	8:34 a.m. 0.5' 8:49 p.m. 0.1'
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:34 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:59 p.m. 4:30 a.m.	3:01 a.m. 4.0' 3:10 p.m. 3.9'	9:09 a.m. 0.2' 9:15 p.m. -0.1'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:34 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:45 p.m. 5:09 a.m.	3:28 a.m. 4.3' 3:40 p.m. 3.9'	9:40 a.m. -0.0' 9:40 p.m. -0.2'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:33 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:32 p.m. 5:48 a.m.	3:55 a.m. 4.5' 4:08 p.m. 3.9'	10:10 a.m. -0.2' 10:05 p.m. -0.2'
<b>MAY 2</b>	6:33 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	7:21 p.m. 6:29 a.m.	4:21 a.m. 4.6' 4:35 p.m. 3.8'	10:39 a.m. -0.2' 10:30 p.m. -0.2'

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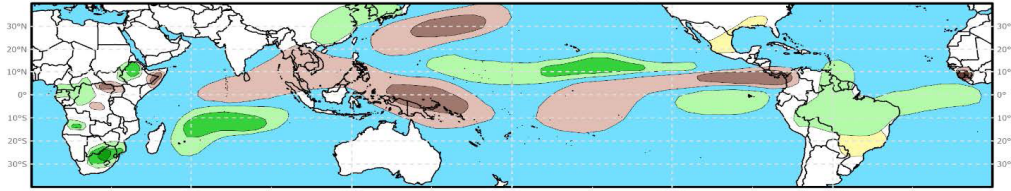


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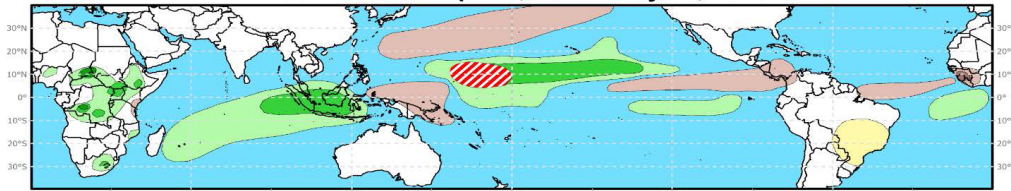
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Week 3 - Valid: Apr 29, 2026 - May 05, 2026



**Tropical Cyclone (TC) Formation Probability**  
 >20% >40% >60%

**Above-Average Rainfall Probability**  
 >50% >65% >80%  
 Weekly total rainfall in the Upper third of the historical range

**Below-Average Rainfall Probability**  
 >50% >65% >80%  
 Weekly total rainfall in the Lower third of the historical range

**Above-Average Temperatures Probability**  
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