

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 3: THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT (SAIPAN, ETC.)

§ 3422. Divers-down Flag Required.

All divers must prominently display a divers-down flag, when such diving occurs on the coastal waters of Saipan.

(a) No diver or group of divers shall display one or more divers-down flag on a navigation channel, except in case of emergency, in a manner which shall unreasonably constitute a navigational hazard.

(b) Divers shall make reasonable efforts to stay within 100 feet of the divers-down flag on navigation channels. Any person operating a vessel on a navigation channel must make a reasonable effort to maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from any divers-down flag.

(c) Divers must make reasonable efforts to stay within 300 feet of the divers-down flag on all waters other than navigation channels. Any person operating a vessel on waters other than a navigation channel must make a reasonable effort to maintain a distance of at least 300 feet from any divers-down flag.

(d) Any vessel other than a law enforcement or rescue vessel that approaches within 100 feet of a divers-down flag on a navigation channel, or within 300 feet of a divers-down flag on waters other than a navigation channel, must proceed no faster than is necessary to maintain headway and steerageway.

(e) The divers-down flag must be lowered once all divers are aboard or ashore. No person may operate any vessel displaying a divers-down flag unless the vessel has one or more divers in the water.

Source: Saipan LL 17-11, § 2(102) (July 12, 2011).

Commission Comment: The Commission replaced “unreasonable” with “unreasonably” in subsection (a) pursuant to 1 CMC 3806(g).