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NEWS RELEASE

Families enjoy reopened Family Beach

Piti, Guam, June 26, 2023: Members of the community came out this weekend to enjoy the reopened Family Beach facility at the Port Authority of Guam.

"I am so grateful to see that the people of Guam can once again enjoy Family Beach," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Typhoon Mawar damaged not just our main terminal yard and key facilities but also many of our recreational areas such as Family Beach. The results of an assessment determined that the beach was unsafe for recreational use so we deployed teams to begin clean-up efforts to reopen Family Beach for the people of Guam."

Port employees worked since June 9, 2023 to ready the beach for recreational use. Clean-up initiatives included tree cutting, clearing the site of debris and fallen trees, and moving all green waste to the nearest green waste disposal site. Soft sand deposits that remained were pushed inland to prevent motorists from getting stuck. The beach area officially opened to the public on Saturday, June 24, 2023. The Port has begun accepting permit applications for designated areas. Anyone interested in obtaining a permit for the reserved designated areas may contact the Port's Commercial Division at (671) 477-5948 or visit their office located within the Administration Building.

Gatehouse hours extended

The Port Authority of Guam extended Gatehouse hours this past Saturday and operations were open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for truckers to come and pickup cargo.

"Maintaining the island's supply chain is our top priority and that is why we continue to extend the Gatehouse operations to ensure goods and commodities continue to flow into our community," Respicio said. "The Port's recovery from Mawar's destruction is a result of the dedicated Port Strong employees and the tremendous amount of support received from Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, our Board, our federal and local partners, and industry partners."

Vessel operations

Barge 2011 operations began this morning. Barge 2011 is a chartered barge for commerce heading to Saipan and is expected to depart in a few days. The Matson Papa Mau arrived at 4:02 p.m. yesterday and departed at 11:23 p.m. once cargo operations concluded. The Matson Lulrine is scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning for cargo operations.

Cargo and fuel processed since reopening

The following fuel and cargo commodities have been processed and released into our island community since reopening the Port on Sunday, May 28, 2023:

- 2,605 containers with dry goods and 419 refrigerated containers ("reefers");
- 1,740 bundles of rebar; 2 boxed steel pipes; 75 bundle steel plates;
- 968 vehicles;
- 192 units of general cargo;
- 1 excavator, 2 backhoe, 4 trucks, 1 tractor; 2 dump trucks, 3 fuel truck, 1 drill rig; 1 school bus; 1 bucket truck, 1 flatbed truck, 2 office trailers, 1 trailer
- 1 bundle of chassis; and
- 5 barges – fuel operations.

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Photo Cutline: Beachgoers enjoy spending time at the newly reopened Family Beach on Saturday, June 24, 2023.