



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

THE BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR TODAY AND TONIGHT, THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024

GENERAL SITUATION: A steadfast high-pressure system anchored to our northeast will continue to promote mostly stable conditions today... The effects of a sagging Atlantic cold front to the east, as well as lingering low-level moisture in the vicinity of the area, will allow for a slight increase in shower activity and relaxing winds across the island heading into tonight... Swell activity will continue to impact the eastern flanks of the island chain throughout the period.

SPECIAL WARNINGS: *Small craft operators in the Central and Southeast Bahamas should avoid entering the waters off of Atlantic shorelines due to the presence of higher seas... There is an elevated threat for rip currents and moderate to large breaking waves for Atlantic shorelines, especially for this afternoon and into early evening; residents and visitors should refrain from using these beaches... Due to persistent arid and warm conditions, the threat of bushfire development remains elevated.*

FOR THE NORTHWEST BAHAMAS:

WEATHER: Expect a mix of sun and clouds with warm conditions and the chance of an isolated shower or two today, becoming fair to partly cloudy and mild with some spotty showers tonight.

ADVISORY: *A small craft caution is in effect for the Atlantic exposures due to swells.*

WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.

SEAS: 2 to 4 feet over local waters, building 4 to 6 feet along Atlantic shorelines in light to moderate easterly swells.

FOR THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS:

WEATHER: Partly sunny and warm today, becoming mostly fair and mild tonight. Expect locally breezy conditions with streaming light showers continuing throughout the period.

ADVISORY: *For the Atlantic exposures, a small craft advisory will remain in effect due to swells for today, with a caution coming into effect by tonight... The small craft caution for the remainder of the area will end by this afternoon.*

WINDS: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots, diminishing to 15 knots by this afternoon.

SEAS: 3 to 5 feet over local waters, building up to 7 feet in moderate northeast to easterly swells.

DAYTIME HIGH TEMPERATURE 82F 28C

OVERNIGHT LOW TEMPERATURE 70F 21C

SUN, MOON & TIDES

SUNRISE: 6:44 AM

SUNSET: 7:32 PM

MOONRISE: 3:17 PM

MOONSET: 4:25 AM FRI

LOW TIDE: 11:19 AM & 11:29 PM

HIGH TIDE: 5:21 PM & 5:39 AM FRI

EXTENDED FORECAST (FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS): As trough features promoting showers are gradually phased out, persistent high pressure and dry air will keep shower activity to a minimum, with winds and seas continuing in a general downward trend heading into the weekend.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY

WEATHER: Partly sunny to sunny and warm with a few light showers possible, turning mostly fair and mild tonight.

WINDS: East to southeast at 10 knots or less in the Northwest Bahamas, shifting northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots across the remainder of the area.

SEAS: For Atlantic exposures, 3 to 5 feet across the northwest Bahamas, building 4 to 6 feet elsewhere in subsiding northeast to easterly swells.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY

WEATHER: Mostly sunny, very warm and humid, becoming fair and mild at night time. Expect locally breezy conditions and possible light showers across the Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots across the northern and central islands, increasing 15 to 20 knots across the Southern Bahamas.

SEAS: 2 to 4 feet over the ocean, building 4 to 6 feet across the southern islands.

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