

## **FORECAST OFFICE**

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## SEVEN DAY FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS from 8th to 14th May 2024

General Situation: A broad ridge of high pressure extends from the central Atlantic to across the Bahamas. Tropical moisture on the southern periphery of the high will stream across the Southern Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands and aided with some upper level support, spark a few showers and isolated thunderstorms over the area. Meanwhile, a drier airmass will dominate the remainder of the islands maintaining mostly stable and warm conditions. The ridge pattern will continue through Friday shifting further east into the Atlantic as the moisture across the Southern islands exits the area as well. Temperatures are expected to reach the mid to upper 80's during this period and into the weekend. Residents are advised to limit their outdoor activities and to remain hydrated. By Saturday a weak frontal boundary will approach the Northern Bahamas but will weaken as it shifts south and east of the area with high pressure re-establishing across the islands Sunday and into early next week.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Partly sunny and warm with the slight chance of a few isolated showers and an isolated thunderstorm or two possible during the day. Expect fair skies with a few stray showers possible at night. Maximum temperature 84°F and minimum temperature 73°F. Gusty winds and higher seas can be expected in showers and thunderstorms. Beachgoers should also exercise caution along Atlantic exposures due to the slight risk of rip currents. Winds E to SE at 10 to 15 knots in the NW and Cntrl Bahamas and NE to E at 15 knots in the SE Bahamas. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters in the NW and Cntrl Bahamas and 3 to 5 feet in the SE Bahamas slightly higher in Atlantic exposures.

**Thursday 9**<sup>th</sup> – Partly to mostly sunny and warm with the chance of a few isolated showers during the day. Mostly fair and warm conditions expected at night. Maximum temperature 85°F and minimum temperature 74°F. **Beachgoers should remain vigilant due to the slight risk of rip currents along Atlantic exposed beaches.** Winds E to SE at 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Partly to mostly sunny and very warm with a slight chance of an isolated shower or two during the day. Mainly fair and warm at night. Maximum temperature 86°F and minimum temperature 74°F. Winds E to SE at 10 to 15 knots falling light and variable at times. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters.

**Saturday 11**th – Partly sunny, warm and humid with isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly across the extreme NW Bahamas during the day. Partly cloudy with the chance of isolated showers across the NW Bahamas to mostly fair and warm across the remainder of the Bahamas at night. Maximum temperature 86°F and minimum temperature 74°F. **Gusty winds and higher seas can be expected in showers and thunderstorms.** Winds S to SW at 10 to 15 knots in the NW Bahamas and E to SE at 10 to 15 knots in the Cntrl and SE Bahamas. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Variably cloudy with isolated showers and possible isolated thunderstorms across the NW Bahamas to partly sunny and warm across the remainder of the islands with the chance of a few isolated showers. Maximum temperature 86°F and minimum temperature 75°F. **Gusty winds and higher seas can be expected in showers and thunderstorms.** Winds SW to W at 10 to 15 knots in the NW Bahamas and SE to S at 10 to 15 knots in the Cntrl and SE Bahamas. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – A mix of sun and clouds with the chance of a few scattered showers during the day. Mainly fair with a stray shower or two possible at night. Maximum temperature 84°F and minimum temperature 73°F. **Gusty winds and higher seas can be expected in showers.** Winds NE to E at 10 to 15 knots in the NW Bahamas and E to SE at 10 to 15 knots in the Cntrl and SE Bahamas. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open waters.

**Tuesday 14**<sup>th</sup> – Partly sunny and warm with the chance of a few brief passing showers during the day. Mostly fair with a stray shower or two possible at night. Maximum temperature 83°F and minimum temperature 73°F. Winds E to SE at 10 to 15 knots in the NW and Cntrl Bahamas and 15 knots in the SE Bahamas. Seas 2 to 4 feet over open in the NW and Cntrl Bahamas and 3 to 5 feet in the SE Bahamas.

Beachgoers and mariners should be extremely vigilant due to rough surf and the high risk of dangerous rip currents during stated advisories. Mariners should heed warnings due to strong gusty winds and rough seas, along with possible localized waterspout activity.

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