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SEVEN - DAY WEATHER FORECAST 9th to 15th April, 2024

The Bahamas is under the influence of a high pressure system, centered north of the area. The system will gradually shift eastwards but will remain in control of the weather to support a warmer air-mass with increasing moisture on Wednesday and Thursday. Brisk winds, combined with northeast to easterly swells, will result in hazardous marine conditions and warrant small craft advisories through Thursday. A cold front will enter the Northwest Bahamas on Friday accompanied by some showers and possible thunderstorm activity. High pressure will build across the area again behind the front, and usher in drier air and more stable conditions through early next week.

TUESDAY 9th – Partly cloudy to cloudy, warm and breezy with a few possible spotty showers. Partly cloudy and mild at night. <u>A small craft advisory is in effect due to swells.</u> Winds: East to Southeast at 15 to 25 knots, gusty at times. **Seas**: 4 to 6 feet, building up to 8 feet along Atlantic exposures in Northeast to Easterly swells.

WEDNESDAY 10th – Partly cloudy, warm and breezy to windy with isolated showers. <u>Small craft advisory will remain in effect.</u> Winds: East to Southeast to South at 15 to 25 knots. Seas: 6 to 9 feet in Northeast to Easterly swells.

THURSDAY 11th – Partly cloudy, very warm and breezy to windy with occasional passing showers. <u>Small craft advisory will remain in effect.</u> Winds: Southeast to South at 15 to 25 knots in the Northwest Bahamas; East to Southeast at 15 to 20 knots in the Central Bahamas and Southeast Bahamas. Seas: 6 to 9 feet in Northeast to Easterly swells.

FRIDAY 12th – Variably cloudy and warm with widely scattered showers and a few possible thunderstorms through night. Winds: South to Southwest at 10 to 15 knots ahead of the front, shifting Northwest to North at 10 to 15 knots behind the front. Seas: 2 to 4 feet over the ocean.

SATURDAY 13th – Partly cloudy and mild with isolated showers mainly in the Central Bahamas. Expect breezy conditions in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Small craft operators in the Central and Southeast Bahamas should exercise caution. Winds: North to Northeast at 10 to 15 knots in the Northwest Bahamas; Northeast to East at 15 to 20 knots in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Seas: 2 to 4 feet over the ocean in the Northwest Bahamas; 4 to 6 feet in the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

SUNDAY 14th - Partly cloudy and mild during the day with the chance of a stray shower through the night; a bit breezy in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Small craft operators in the Central and Southeast Bahamas should exercise caution. Winds: Northeast to East at 10 to 15 knots in the Northwest Bahamas and 15 to 20 knots in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Seas: 2 to 4 feet over the ocean in the Northwest Bahamas; 4 to 6 feet in the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

MONDAY 15th – Partly sunny and warm with a few possible showers. **Winds**: Northeast to East at 10 to 15 knots. **Seas**: 2 to 4 over the ocean.

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