



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EST.

Severe thunderstorms are possible across the **Northwest and Central Bahamas**. *Mariners are urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology and should seek safe harbour once weather conditions begin to deteriorate.*

WARNINGS:

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.

There is a **slight risk** of rip currents on the Atlantic waters of the island chain.

GENERAL SITUATION:

A weak frontal boundary across the Northwest Bahamas is generating showers and thunderstorm activity over the Northwest and Central Bahamas. Moving into the weekend, drier air is forecast to filter into the region as high pressure rebuilds across the island chain. By Sunday, a mid- to upper-level disturbance could develop over Atlantic waters east of the Bahamas, potentially leading to more widespread rainfall into early next week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times by nightfall.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
GULF STREAM: 3 feet or less.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of isolated showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times by nightfall.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of isolated showers.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
6:48PM	5:52AM SAT
MOON PHASE LAST QUARTER	
NEW MOON – 16 TH MAY 2026 at 4:01pm	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	1:35 PM	1:05 PM	12:58 PM	1:27 PM
HIGH TIDE:	7:54 PM	7:30 PM	7:32 PM	7:46 PM

(For specific times for other islands, please see Tide Table Publication.)

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, 2026:

ADVISORY: *Small craft caution* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts
Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots by nightfall.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet, building to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night.

PRECIPITATION: **Northwest and Central Bahamas:** Chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: Slight chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, 17TH MAY, 2026:

ADVISORY: *Small craft caution* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.

WINDS: **All areas:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts at night.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less in nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet in open waters, 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: **All Areas:** Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.

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