



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

SPECIAL WARNINGS:

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING :
Northern Bahamas: High risk for strong to possible severe.
Remaining Bahamas: Low risk for strong to possible severe.
Mariners should be vigilant for thunderstorms with gusty winds, heavy rainfall, frequent lightning, *heavy downpours, and possible funnel cloud formation.*

WIND ADVISORY:
Near gale warning – Northwest & Central Bahamas this afternoon.

THUNDERSTORM:
Entire Bahamas: High risk for a line cluster of showers and thunderstorms.

RIP CURRENTS:
The Atlantic-exposed
North & Northwest Bahamas: **Moderate rip current risk**
Central & Southeast Bahamas: **Light to moderate rip current risk** — Mariners & swimmers should exercise caution.

AIR QUALITY: (Saharan Dust)
Entire Bahamas: **Marginal-** Air quality will improve overnight, posing little or no risk.

WARNING:

MARINE CONDITIONS:
Atlantic exposed:

- **Entire Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution...

Open Waters, Nearshore & Sheltered:

- **North to Central Bahamas:** None...
- **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution...

GENERAL SITUATION:

Showers and thunderstorms will continue across the region due to the combination of a weakening stationary front across the northern Bahamas, an upper-level low to the north, and a tropical wave moving through the island chain. These features will maintain periods of heavy showers and thunderstorms across the area. During this time, the marine community should be aware that any convective activity has the potential to produce hazardous conditions, including locally strong winds, frequent lightning, heavy rainfall, and reduced visibility. Small craft operators should exercise caution and remain alert to rapidly changing conditions.

OUTLOOK:

Saturday: A weakening frontal boundary, the northern portion of a tropical wave, and an upper-level low will continue to generate instability across the islands. Periods of showers and thunderstorms are expected as these features interact across the region.

Sunday: High pressure is expected to build across the area, resulting in gradually improving marine conditions and more relaxed seas. However, with the upper-level low remaining positioned over or near South Florida, sufficient instability and atmospheric energy are expected to persist, supporting the development of isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS	
(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	<i>Strong to severe weather is expected...in showers and thunderstorms</i>
WINDS:	East 10 to 15 knots today becoming east to southeast less than 10 knots tonight with higher gusts in or near thunderstorms...
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas and open waters- less than 2 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 to 4 feet.
GULF STREAM:	2 to 4 feet
SWELLS:	Light to moderate northeast for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER:	Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms...



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

ADVISORY: *Near gale and strong to severe weather is expected...in showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: Northeast less than 10 knots today and east around 10 knots tonight gusts in up to near gale force...
LOCAL SEAS: All areas - less than 2 feet, Northeast Providence Channel- 2 to 3 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 to 4 feet.
SWELLS: Light east for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Partly sunny to partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms...

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

ADVISORY: *Possible gale around 1pm and strong to severe weather is expected...in showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: East 10 knots today becoming east to southeast 10 to 15 knots tonight with higher gusts...
LOCAL SEAS: All areas- 2 feet or less; the Crooked Island passage – 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 to 4 feet.
SWELLS: Light to moderate northeast for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with the chance for showers and thunderstorms...

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

ADVISORY: *Near gale and strong to severe weather is expected...in showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: East 10 to 15 knots today becoming east to southeast and gusty tonight...
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas- 2 feet and open waters, passages – 3 feet & the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 to 5 feet
SWELLS: Light to moderate northeast to east for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Partly sunny with isolated to showers and thunderstorms...

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
1:53 PM	12:17 AM SAT
MOON PHASE Waxing Crescent	
First Quarter Moon - Friday, September 18th, 2026, at 4:44pm.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	2:04 PM	1:55 PM	1:57 PM	2:11 PM
LOW TIDE:	8:32 PM	8:30 PM	8:23 PM	8:52 PM
HIGH TIDE:	02:22 AM SAT	02:13 AM SAT	02:15 AM SAT	02:29 AM SAT
LOW TIDE:	08:21 AM SAT	08:19 AM SAT	08:12 AM SAT	08:41 AM SAT

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Official Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30, 2025.
1. Eastern Subtropical Atlantic (AL99):
Recent satellite imagery indicates that showers and thunderstorms are becoming better organized in association with an area of low pressure located several hundred miles southwest of the Azores. In addition, it appears that a well-defined center is developing. If these current trends continue, a tropical depression could form as soon as later this afternoon. The system is expected to move slowly over the next several days remaining to the southwest of the Azores.
The tropics is quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected for the next 7 days.



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: **Entire Bahamas-Possible strong thunderstorms**
Northern Bahamas – Northeast to east around 5 knots throughout the day and light and variable overnight.

WINDS: **Southern Bahamas** – Light and variable less than 5 knots throughout the day and southeast to south 10 knots overnight.

SEAS: **North to Central Bahamas** – All waters - less than 2 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 3 feet
Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open water- 2 to 3 feet; Mayaguana passage & Caicos Passage – 3 feet; and Atlantic exposed waters– 3 to 4 feet

SWELLS: **Northwest to Central Bahamas-** Light northeast swells for the Atlantic waters
Southern Bahamas- Light northeast to east swells for the Atlantic waters

PRECIPITATION: **Entire Bahamas:** Light to moderate risk for showers and thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2026:

ADVISORY: **Entire Bahamas-Possible strong thunderstorms**
Entire Bahamas – Light and variable less than 5 knots throughout the day and southeast to south 10 knots overnight.

WINDS:

SEAS: **North to Central Bahamas** – All waters - less than 2 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 2 to 3 feet
Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas & open water – less than 2 feet; Mayaguana passage & Caicos Passage – 2 feet; and Atlantic exposed waters– 3 feet

SWELLS: **Northwest to Central Bahamas-** Light east swells for the Atlantic waters
Southern Bahamas- Light northeast to east swells for the Atlantic waters

PRECIPITATION: **Entire Bahamas:** Light to moderate risk for showers and thunderstorms.

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