



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: A *moderate* risk of rip currents exists across the Southeast Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering the water.*

A **Heat Advisory** is now in effect for the **entire Bahamas**, as well as the **Turks and Caicos Islands**. Expect heat indices to climb as high as **118°F** across the **Northern Bahamas** and reach up to **108°F** across the remainder of the area. *Residents and visitors are urged to remain hydrated, seek shaded areas and wear cool, loose-fitting clothing during peak sunshine hours (10 am – 4 pm).*

A **Dust Advisory** is now in effect for the **Southeast Bahamas**, as well as the **Turks & Caicos Islands**. The level of dust is expected to reach *moderate levels* by early afternoon which may impact air quality and hinder visibility at times. *Residents, especially those with respiratory illnesses, should take precautions to safeguard their health. Portions of the Central Bahamas may also be impacted by moderate levels of Saharan dust by late afternoon/early evening.*

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is *a slight to moderate risk* for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms *across portions of the Northern Bahamas beginning this afternoon*. These storms can produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity. *Therefore, the public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

Moisture associated with the trough sitting across Florida continues to maintain elevated chances of shower and thunderstorm activity for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Meanwhile, weak ridging along with an influx of Saharan dust is keeping conditions across the Southeast Bahamas relatively dry and stable. Mariners should expect gentle to fresh winds with slight to moderate seas to persist through the weekend.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
GULF STREAM: Less than 2 feet.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
SWELLS: Slight 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: A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic waters.

WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less in nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet in open and Atlantic waters.

SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Slight chance of showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
3:09PM	1:35 SAT
MOON PHASE FIRST QUARTER	
FULL MOON – 28 TH AUGUST 2026.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	4:04 PM	3:40 PM	3:42 PM	3:56 PM
LOW TIDE:	10:44 PM	10:14 PM	10:07 PM	10:36 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

- 1. Northeastern Atlantic:**
A non-tropical area of low pressure has developed over the northeastern Atlantic several hundred miles north-northeast of the Azores. This system could acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics on Saturday or early Sunday. *Formation chance through 7 days is low at 20 percent.*
- 2. Central Subtropical Atlantic:**
A weak area of low pressure located over the central subtropical Atlantic a few hundred miles east-southeast of Bermuda is producing an area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. *Formation chance through 7 days is low at 20 percent.*

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic waters across the Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times across the Northwest Bahamas.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast 15 to 20 knots, with occasional higher gusts.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and open waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 30-50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic waters across the Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 3 feet or less in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet, subsiding to 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Sunday night.

PRECIPITATION: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.

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