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BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** remains in effect for the waters of the **Southeast Bahamas** through 6pm Sunday. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

Rip Currents: A **high** risk of rip currents exists across the Central and Southeast Bahamas. **Swimmers and beachgoers are advised to refrain from entering the water along eastern and southern shorelines and Atlantic exposed beaches.** A **slight** risk exists across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. **Swimmers and beachgoers in these areas are advised to exercise caution when entering the water.**

Heat Advisory: Mariners are advised that **high heat indices** (above 105°F/40.5°C) are expected across the waters of the **entire Bahamas**. Prolonged exposure to the sun and hot conditions may increase the risk of heat-related illnesses. Stay hydrated, limit strenuous activity, seek shade when possible, and monitor crew members for signs of heat stress.

Severe Weather Risk: There is a **marginal** to **moderate** risk for isolated strong to possibly severe thunderstorms over the Northern and Northwest Bahamas through this evening.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Troughing across the Bahamas, combined with a surge in moisture, will support scattered showers and thunderstorms across portions of the island chain as it progresses westward through tonight. Meanwhile, building high pressure will support fresh to strong easterly breezes across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while pockets of Saharan dust will limit shower and thunderstorm activity in the wake of the trough.

OUTLOOK: High pressure will gradually rebuild across the archipelago over the weekend, maintaining hotter and generally more stable weather conditions into the early to middle part of next week. By midweek, troughing extending southward into the area may increase shower and thunderstorm chances across the northern islands.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
GULF STREAM:	Seas around 2 feet.
SWELLS:	Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 knots by tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.



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SWELLS: Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** is in effect. Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with ***gusts to near gale force.***
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to rough easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
9:06 PM	9:33 AM SAT.
Moon Phase NEW MOON	
First Quarter, on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10:46 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	4:21 PM	3:51 PM	3:44 PM	4:13 PM
HIGH TIDE:	10:25 PM	10:01 PM	10:03 PM	10:17 PM

*(For specific times for other islands, please see Tide Table Publication.)***TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

- 1. Central Tropical Atlantic (AL92):** A tropical wave located about 400 miles east of the Windward Islands is producing gusty winds and a large area of showers and thunderstorms. ***Formation chances through 7 days are low at 20 percent.***
- 2. Eastern Tropical Atlantic (AL94):** A tropical wave over the central tropical Atlantic, located more than 1000 miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands, continues to produce disorganized showers and thunderstorms. ***Formation chances through 7 days are medium at 50 percent.***



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** is in effect for the waters of the Southeast Bahamas. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.** A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots.
Northwest Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots shifting east to southeast by nightfall.
Central Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots, with occasional higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots, with **gusts to near gale force.**
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central 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.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas around 2 feet.

SEAS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight to moderate southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: **Central Bahamas:** Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to rough easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **All Areas:** 10-20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** is in effect for the waters of the Southeast Bahamas. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.** A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times; 10 to 15 knots across the Northwest Bahamas.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East-northeast to east-southeast at 15 to 20 knots with gusts to near gale force possible across the Southeast Bahamas.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, subsiding to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Sunday night.
Gulf Stream: Seas less than 2 feet or less.

SWELLS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to rough easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **All Areas:** 10-20% chance of showers.



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