



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

A Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots) remains in effect for the **Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands**. Fresh to strong winds, with occasional gusts to near-gale force, are likely across these areas through 6 pm Tuesday. ***Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port.***

A Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots) is now in effect for the **Northern Bahamas**. Strong winds, with occasional gusts to near-gale force, are possible across this area beginning Tuesday morning. ***Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are urged not to venture far from port.***

WARNINGS:

Thunderstorm Activity/ Severe Weather Potential: Thunderstorms may bring locally gusty winds and periods of heavy showers during the afternoon and evening hours across portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. There is a **high risk** of **severe thunderstorm activity** occurring late tonight through to early Tuesday morning. The public is urged to keep updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate to high risk** of rip currents along eastern and southern beaches of the Southeast Bahamas, as well as all Atlantic shorelines. ***Beachgoers in these areas are urged not to enter into these waters.***

Surface ridging will maintain fresh to strong winds and rough seas across the island chain tonight before weakening ahead of an approaching cold front early Tuesday. Meanwhile, lingering low-level moisture combined with pre-frontal troughing will support showers and thunderstorms across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas overnight.

OUTLOOK: The cold front will enter the Northern Bahamas early Tuesday and move southeastward through the Central Bahamas by Wednesday before stalling across the region. Increasing moisture and instability associated with an approaching mid- to upper-level trough will support a more active weather pattern across area waters through the remainder of the week. A low-pressure system may develop along the frontal boundary by mid-to-late week, resulting in periods of heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, and locally higher winds across portions of the island chain through early Friday. Marine conditions are expected to gradually improve across the Northern waters by Friday afternoon, while unsettled conditions may persist across portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas through Saturday.

GENERAL SITUATION:

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A Near Gale Watch (28–33 knots) is in effect. ***Small craft operators are urged not to venture far from port. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.***

WINDS:

Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots, shifting south to southwest at 15 knots by nightfall.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.

SWELLS:

Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

30-40% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. ***Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.***

WINDS:

Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots by nightfall, occasionally falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

30-40% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. ***Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.***

WINDS:

Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing to 15 knots by nightfall

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.



WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

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

ADVISORY: *A Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots) is in effect. Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port.*

WINDS: Southeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet building, 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters overnight.

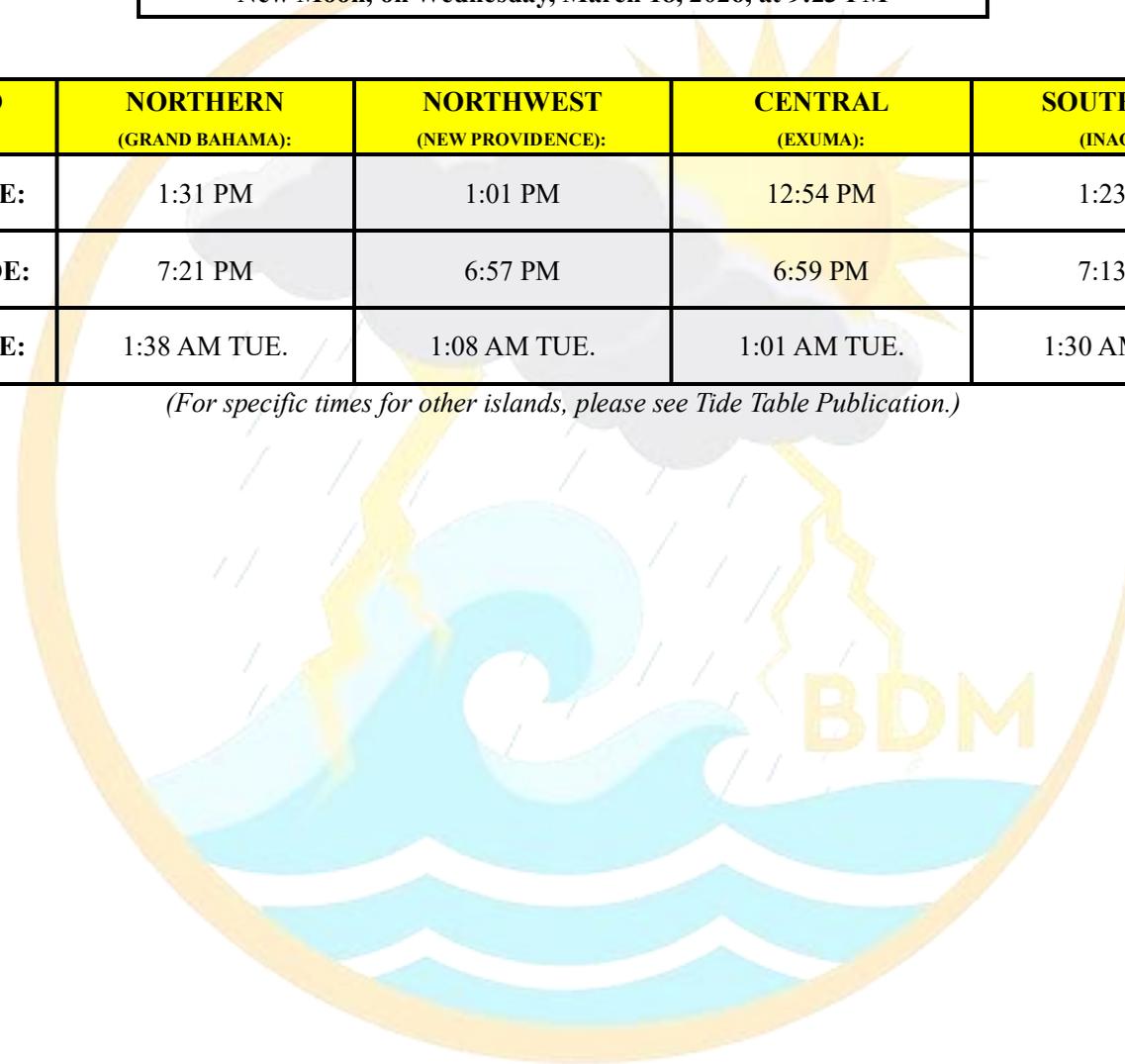
SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

| MOONSET: | MOONRISE: |
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| 5:12 PM | 6:20 AM TUE. |
| Moon Phase | |
| THIRD QUARTER | |
| New Moon, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 9:23 PM | |

| ISLAND TIDES: | NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA): | NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE): | CENTRAL (EXUMA): | SOUTHEAST (INAGUA): |
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| LOW TIDE: | 1:31 PM | 1:01 PM | 12:54 PM | 1:23 PM |
| HIGH TIDE: | 7:21 PM | 6:57 PM | 6:59 PM | 7:13 PM |
| LOW TIDE: | 1:38 AM TUE. | 1:08 AM TUE. | 1:01 AM TUE. | 1:30 AM TUE. |

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



**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2026:****ADVISORY:**

A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** in effect for the Northern, Northwest and Southeast Bahamas, as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands. **Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are strongly urged to remain in port across these areas.** A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for sheltered waters of the Central Bahamas. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to exercise caution and avoid venturing far from port in these areas.**

WINDS:

Northern Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots ahead of the front, veering north to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts behind the front, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force by evening.

Northwest Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, occasionally falling light and variable during the afternoon, shifting north to northeast at 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts behind the front Tuesday night.

Central Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots, becoming variable at 10 knots or less by afternoon.

Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots by nightfall.

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS:

Southeast Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet, building to 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet in the afternoon; seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet Tuesday night.

SWELLS:

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: Moderate north to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

Northern & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

Northwest & Central Bahamas: 40-60% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2026:**ADVISORY:**

A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** is in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. **Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are strongly urged to remain in port.** A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** is in effect for sheltered waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to exercise caution and avoid venturing far from port in these areas.**

WINDS:

Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible.

Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.

Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts.

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS:

Southeast Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

Gulf Stream: Seas 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet; seas 5 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet Wednesday night.

SWELLS:

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: Slight to moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

Southeast Bahamas: Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 50-70% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.

Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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