



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: There remains a *moderate* risk of rip currents along Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers are urged to continue to exercise caution.*

Tidal Levels: Due to the New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal. *Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

A mid- to- upper-level disturbance just east of The Bahamas will continue to stream moisture westward across the island chain, supporting periods of showers and thunderstorms across much of the country through tonight. Meanwhile, high pressure ridging will maintain moderate to locally fresh easterly winds along with moderate seas across area waters.

OUTLOOK: The mid to upper-level disturbance is expected to linger and meander near The Bahamas through the work week, continuing to funnel moisture across the region. As a result, unsettled weather with bouts of showers and isolated thunderstorms will remain possible across portions of the island chain.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* remains in effect for all area waters. *Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

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

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

GULF STREAM: Seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.

SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-40% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* remains in effect for all area waters. *Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

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

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

SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 40-60% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* remains in effect for all area waters. *Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

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



LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 60-80% chance of scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a *small craft caution* remains in effect for local and sheltered waters. *Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

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

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet building to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 40-50% chance of scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
10:20 PM	8:56 AM TUE.
Moon Phase NEW MOON	
First Quarter, on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 7:10 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	4:08 PM	3:38 PM	3:31 PM	4:00 PM
HIGH TIDE:	10:30 PM	10:06 PM	10:08 PM	10:22 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2026:**

ADVISORY:	A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas, while a small craft caution remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas and local and sheltered waters of the Southeast Bahamas. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS:	All Areas: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore and 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 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northwest & Central Bahamas: 40-60% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northern & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas, while a small craft caution remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas and local and sheltered waters of the Southeast Bahamas. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS:	Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: Easterly at 15 knots with occasional higher gusts. Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts.
SEAS:	Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 3 feet.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: 30-50% chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Northern Bahamas: 20-40% chance of scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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