



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

WARNINGS:

Thunderstorm Activity: There is a *slight* risk for isolated strong to possibly severe thunderstorm activity over portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas during the afternoon and early evening hours. *Mariners are urged to keep updated on all weather updates from the Bahamas Department of Meteorology and should seek safe harbour once weather conditions deteriorate.*

Funnel Clouds: There is *moderate* risk of waterspout activity, occurring mainly along the frontal boundary. *Mariners across the northern waters of Grand Bahama and Abaco are urged to remain vigilant and to avoid these features.*

Rip Currents: There is a *slight to moderate* risk of rip currents along beaches across the island chain. *Beachgoers are advised to exercise caution.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

A stationary frontal boundary draped across the Northern Bahamas will support scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms across that area today before gradually weakening and retreating northward tonight. Meanwhile, high pressure will maintain more stable conditions across the remainder of the island chain, along with generally moderate breezes and slight to moderate seas across most area waters.

OUTLOOK: High pressure will continue building across the area through Sunday and Monday, resulting in increasingly breezy conditions along with building seas and choppy conditions across exposed Atlantic waters and channels. By Tuesday morning, another cold front is expected to enter the Bahamas, moving southeastward before stalling and weakening just north of the Exumas. At the same time, an upper-level trough will help transport deeper moisture northward from the Caribbean Sea. The interaction between the frontal boundary and this enhanced moisture will support a wetter and more unsettled weather pattern across The Bahamas through the middle of next week. A low-pressure system may develop near the Northern Bahamas by Thursday.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

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

WINDS:

Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, occasionally falling light and variable at times today, increasing 10 to 15 knots by nightfall.

LOCAL SEAS:

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

GULF STREAM:

Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.

SWELLS:

Slight northeast to easterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

30-50% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to 20-30% tonight.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

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

WINDS:

Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.



LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to 10-20% tonight.

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 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* is in effect for all area waters.
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 knots, increasing 15 to 20 knots tonight.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
3:14 PM	5:08 AM SUN.
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):
LOW TIDE:	12:04 PM	11:34 AM	11:27 AM	11:56 AM
HIGH TIDE:	5:46 PM	5:22 PM	5:24 PM	5:38 PM
LOW TIDE:	11:58 PM	11:28 PM	11:21 PM	11:50 PM

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2026:**

- ADVISORY:** A *small craft advisory* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas. A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas, as well as local waters of the Southeast Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 15 knots, becoming southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots Sunday night.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, increasing 15 to 25 knots across the Southeast Bahamas Sunday night.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 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 in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Slight to moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 20-40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2026:

- ADVISORY:** A *small craft advisory* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas. A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas, as well as local waters of the Southeast Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots, veering south to southwest at 15 knots by nightfall.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing 10 to 15 knots by nightfall.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts.
- SEAS:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 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:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** **All Areas:** 20-40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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