



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

WARNINGS:

Severe Weather Watch: A **Severe Weather Watch** is now in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands, while a **slight to moderate** risk of a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms exists across the Central Bahamas. These storms could produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and possible waterspouts. The public and mariners are urged to remain vigilant and monitor all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.

A **NEAR GALE WARNING** is now in effect for the Northern and A **NEAR GALE WATCH** is in effect for the Northwest Bahamas. A **Near Gale (28-33 knots)** means that there is an increased risk of strong to near gale-force winds within 48 hours or less. Frequent strong to near gale-force wind gusts are possible across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas beginning at 6pm Saturday. Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.

Rip Currents: A **high** risk of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents and rough surf exists along ALL shorelines across the Bahamas. Beachgoers and swimmers should refrain from entering the water, particularly along windward and Atlantic-exposed shorelines.

Please refer to the latest Special Weather Statement for further details regarding strong winds and dangerous seas affecting the Bahamas beginning today.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Abundant moisture enhanced by upper-level support continues to maintain unsettled conditions across the archipelago this afternoon. Hazardous marine conditions are expected to begin Sunday due to wind speeds increasing to near-gale across the Northern Bahamas. Rough seas, heavy showers and near gale winds are expected to persist until midweek for the entire island chain.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY: **NEAR GALE WARNING** is in effect. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.
- WINDS: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore sheltered and open waters, 3 to 5 feet in the Northwest Providence Channel, and 5 to 7 feet up to 8 feet in Atlantic waters, building to 8 to 10 feet overnight.
- GULF STREAM: 5 to 7 feet.
- SWELLS: Moderate to large northeasterly swells in Atlantic waters.
- WEATHER: Slight chance of showers with an isolated thunderstorm.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY: **NEAR GALE WATCH** is in effect. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.
- WINDS: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore sheltered and open waters, 4 to 6 feet in the Northeast Providence Channel, and 5 to 7 feet Atlantic waters.
- SWELLS: Moderate to large northeasterly swells in Atlantic waters.
- WEATHER: Chance of 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, with a **small craft caution** in effect for local waters. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.
- WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less, becoming northeast to east at 10 knots or less by this evening
- LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.
- SWELLS: Moderate northerly swells in Atlantic waters.
- WEATHER: Chance of showers with thunderstorms.



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

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

WINDS: East to southeast at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.

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

SWELLS: Moderate northerly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Chance of showers with thunderstorms.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
5:28PM	6:33AM SUN
MOON PHASE FIRST QUARTER	
FULL MOON – 26 TH OCTOBER 2026.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	1:40 PM	1:10 PM	1:03 PM	1:32 PM
HIGH TIDE:	7:29 PM	7:05 PM	7:07 PM	7:21 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2026:

ADVISORY: *A GALE WARNING in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A small craft advisory in effect for all local waters and Atlantic-exposed waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Boaters, especially small craft, across ALL AREAS are urged to remain in port. Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*

WINDS: Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 30 knots, with gusts to gale force.
Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 20 to 30 knots, with gusts to gale force by the afternoon hours.
Central Bahamas: Variable at 10 knots or less.
Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

SEAS: Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 4 to 6 feet in nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 10 to 12 feet, building up to 15 feet, occasionally to 19 feet in the Gulf Stream and Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 8 feet, occasionally to 12 feet over Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Showers with isolated thunderstorms.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2026:

ADVISORY:

*A **GALE WARNING** in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A **small craft advisory** in effect for all local waters and Atlantic-exposed waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas. **Boaters, especially small craft, across ALL AREAS are urged to remain in port.** Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*

WINDS:

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 30 knots, *with gusts to gale force.*
Central Bahamas: Variable at 10 knots or less.
Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots, with occasional higher gusts.

SEAS:

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 4 to 6 feet in nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 9 to 12 feet, building up to 15 feet, occasionally to 18 feet in the Gulf Stream and Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet in nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 9 feet, building up to 11 feet, occasionally to 14 feet over Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION:

Southeast Bahamas: Showers with thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: Chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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