



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EST.

WARNINGS:

A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Warning** is now in effect for the **Northern Bahamas**. Occasional gusts to near-gale force are likely across these areas from 12 pm Sunday through 12 pm Monday. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.*

Rip Currents: A **moderate** to **high risk** of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents exists along all exposed shorelines of the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water in these areas.*

The interaction between a surface high pressure system northeast of the island chain and a low-pressure system across the southeastern United States will generate fresh to locally strong winds and moderate to rough seas. Occasional wind gusts may reach near gale force across the northern islands, while lingering low-level moisture continues to support spotty showers across portions of the island chain.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: A cold front, accompanied by scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, is expected to enter the Northern islands on Monday. The boundary will quickly progress southeastward through the island chain reaching the Southeastern islands by Tuesday. High pressure will build across the archipelago by midweek, promoting a return to more stable weather conditions. Lingering swell conditions will continue to impact Atlantic exposures into late Tuesday before gradually subsiding toward the end of the work week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY: A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Warning** is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.*
- WINDS: Southeast to south at 15 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to near gale force likely, shifting south to southwest tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.
- GULF STREAM: Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet; seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet tonight.
- SWELLS: Moderate east to southeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY: A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Small craft operators are urged not to venture far from port.*
- WINDS: Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts, shifting south to southwest tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS: Moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers.

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. *Small craft operators are urged not to venture far from port.*
- WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts, shifting southeast to south tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet, subsiding to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
- SWELLS: Moderate 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 advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. A **small craft caution** is in effect for local waters. *Small craft operators are urged not to venture far from port.*
- WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts south of Inagua, becoming southeast at 15 knots tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, subsiding to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
- SWELLS: Moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
4:28 PM SUN.	6:13 AM MON.
Moon Phase THIRD QUARTER	
New Moon, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:01 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	1:12 PM	12:42 PM	12:35 PM	1:04 PM
HIGH TIDE:	6:53 PM	6:29 PM	6:31 PM	6:45 PM

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

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

ADVISORY:	<p>Near Gale (28–33 knots) Warning is in effect for the Northern Bahamas. A small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port in the Northern Bahamas, and not to venture far from port in the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas.</p>
WINDS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Southwest to west at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force across the Northern Bahamas, shifting west to northwest at 15 to 20 knots by afternoon, becoming northwest to north by nightfall.</p> <p>Central Bahamas: Southeast to south at 15 knots, shifting west to northwest by nightfall.</p> <p>Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots, becoming variable at 10 knots or less Monday afternoon.</p>
SEAS:	<p>Northern Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet; seas 2 to 4 feet occasionally to 5 feet Monday night.</p>
SWELLS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate southeast to southerly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.</p>
WEATHER:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 20-40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.</p>

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	<p>Small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Small craft operators are urged not to venture far from port.</p>
WINDS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, occasionally falling light and variable across the Northwest Bahamas.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: North to northeast at 10 knots or less.</p>
SEAS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.</p>
SWELLS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate north to northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.</p>
WEATHER:	<p>All Areas: 10-20% chance of showers.</p>

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