



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 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) is 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.*

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.*

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

Strengthening high pressure building across the island chain will maintain moderate to strong breezes and slight to moderate seas across most area waters through Monday. Meanwhile, lingering low-level moisture originating in the Gulf of Mexico, combined with weak troughing will continue to support periods of cloudiness along with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: A cold front will enter the Northern Bahamas early Tuesday morning, eventually stalling and weakening across the Central Bahamas on Wednesday. At the same time, an upper-level trough will help transport deeper tropical moisture northward from the Caribbean Sea, supporting a wetter and more unsettled weather pattern across archipelago through the end of next week. A complex low-pressure system may develop near the Northern Bahamas by late week, potentially bringing periods of heavy rainfall, strong damaging winds, and the potential for localized flooding and severe weather beginning Thursday and continuing into Friday.

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:** Southeasterly at 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots overnight.
- 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 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** Slight northeast to easterly 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 caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in the vicinity of heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** Southeasterly at 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots overnight.
- 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:** 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 caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WINDS:** East to southeast at 15 to 20 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. 10-20% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.
- WEATHER:**



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

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet building 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters overnight.

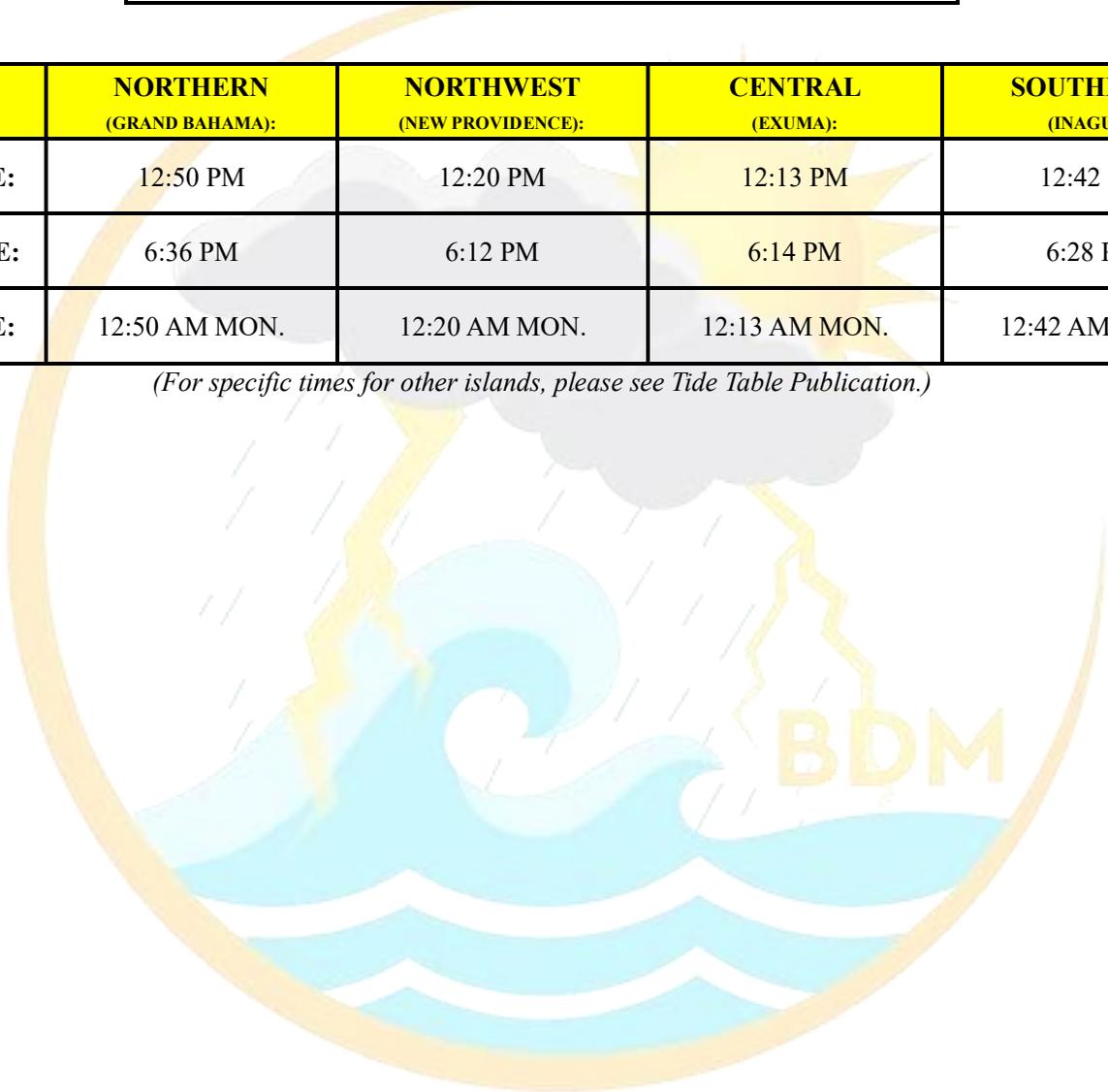
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
4:13 PM	5:46 AM MON.
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:	12:50 PM	12:20 PM	12:13 PM	12:42 PM
HIGH TIDE:	6:36 PM	6:12 PM	6:14 PM	6:28 PM
LOW TIDE:	12:50 AM MON.	12:20 AM MON.	12:13 AM MON.	12:42 AM MON.

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



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

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

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 15 to 20 knots, veering south to southwest at 15 knots by nightfall.
Central Bahamas: Southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing to 15 knots by nightfall.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Moderate to large east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 30-40% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** is in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. **Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are strongly urged to remain in port across the Southeast Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.** A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas. **Boaters, particularly 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 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible behind the front.
Northwest Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots ahead of the front, shifting west to northwest then veering 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, decreasing to 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 5 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet Tuesday night.

SWELLS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Slight to moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 40-60% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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