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BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** remains in effect for the Southeast Bahamas until 6pm. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: A **high** risk of rip currents exists across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while a **moderate** risk exists across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers, particularly those in the Central and Southeast Bahamas, are strongly advised to refrain from entering waters along eastern and southern shorelines and Atlantic exposed beaches at this time.*

Heat Advisory: Mariners are advised that **high heat indices** (above 105°F/40.5°C) are expected across the waters of the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas**. Prolonged exposure to the sun and hot conditions may increase the risk of heat-related illnesses. Stay hydrated, limit strenuous activity, seek shade when possible, and monitor crew members for signs of heat stress.

Dust Advisory: A Dust Advisory is now in effect for the entire Bahamas, as well as the Turks & Caicos Islands. **Moderate** concentrations of Saharan dust are affecting the aforementioned areas, reducing visibility and impacting air quality. **Mariners should exercise caution, particularly across offshore and Atlantic-exposed waters where visibility may be reduced at times.**

GENERAL SITUATION:

High pressure ridging and Saharan dust will continue to dominate the region, supporting mainly dry and hazy conditions across the island chain through tonight. Moderate to fresh easterly breezes and occasionally rough seas will prevail across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, with lighter winds and seas elsewhere.

OUTLOOK: Favorable marine conditions will spread into the southern half of the country early in the week as high pressure becomes centered over the Bahamas, supporting light to gentle breezes and smooth to slight seas. By midweek, weak troughing and increasing moisture from the north will bring a slight increase in shower and thunderstorm activity across the northern islands.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>None.</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at less.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
GULF STREAM:	Seas less than 2 feet or less.
SWELLS:	Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10-20% chance of an isolated shower or thunderstorm.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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



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ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

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: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts, becoming east-northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots by tonight.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet, subsiding to 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)** is in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.**
WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with **gusts to near gale force possible**, shifting northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by tonight.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, subsiding to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
SWELLS: Moderate to rough easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-20% chance of an isolated shower or thunderstorm.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
10:11 PM	11:26 AM MON.
Moon Phase NEW MOON	
First Quarter, on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 10:46 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	6:01 PM	5:31 PM	5:24 PM	5:53 PM
HIGH TIDE:	11:54 PM	11:30 PM	11:32 PM	11:46 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.*



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Southeast Bahamas.
Northern Bahamas: Variable at 10 knots or less.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable by the evening hours.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with occasional higher gusts, becoming east-northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots by the afternoon hours.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet, subsiding to 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Monday night.
Gulf Stream: Seas less than 2 feet or less.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

WEATHER: **All Areas:** 10-20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: *None.*
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.
All Areas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Gulf Stream:** Seas less than 2 feet or less.

SWELLS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Northern Bahamas: 20% chance of showers.
Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.

WEATHER:

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