



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT THURSDAY, APRIL 02ND, 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)** remains in effect for the **Central and Southeast Bahamas**, while a **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** is now in effect for the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas**. Strong winds, with occasional gusts to near-gale force, are likely across the island chain throughout the weekend. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port across the Central and Southeast Bahamas. In all other areas, small craft operators should exercise extreme caution and refrain from venturing far from port.**

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents and Rough Surf: A **high risk** of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents and rough surf will persist along all **Atlantic-exposed beaches and area waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas**. Meanwhile, a **moderate risk** remains across more sheltered northern territorial waters. **Beachgoers and swimmers are strongly advised to remain out of the water across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, as well as along all northern, eastern and Atlantic-exposed shorelines.**

Expansive and strong high pressure across the Atlantic will continue to dominate the weather pattern across the island chain, resulting in breezy conditions and rough to very rough seas across all area waters. Meanwhile, enhanced shower activity associated with a mid-level trough will continue to shift westward and away from the islands tonight.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: A brief period of relatively drier conditions is expected early Friday as high pressure remains the dominant weather feature. However, a mid-level disturbance currently over the Caribbean Sea is forecast to lift northward and strengthen over Cuba, before moving into the western Bahamas Friday afternoon into Friday night. Increasing cloudiness, a higher likelihood of showers and isolated thunderstorms are expected beginning Friday and continuing into early next week. Another frontal system may approach the Northern Bahamas late Monday night into early Tuesday morning, potentially reinforcing unsettled weather and maintaining elevated marine conditions.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.**

WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible tonight.

LOCAL SEAS: 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.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.**

WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible tonight.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20-40% chance of showers.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.**

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

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-40% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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



ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.**

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

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-40% chance of showers.

| MOONRISE: | MOONSET: |
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| 8:11 PM | 7:37 AM FRI. |
| Moon Phase FULL MOON | |
| Third Quarter, on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 12:51 AM | |

| ISLAND TIDES: | NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA): | NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE): | CENTRAL (EXUMA): | SOUTHEAST (INAGUA): |
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| LOW TIDE: | 3:28 PM | 2:58 PM | 2:51 PM | 3:20 PM |
| HIGH TIDE: | 9:35 PM | 9:11 PM | 9:13 PM | 9:27 PM |

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2026:

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** will be in effect across the **Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas**, while a **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** will be in effect for the **Northern Bahamas**. **Mariners, especially small craft operators across all area waters are urged to remain in port.**

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with gusts to near gale force possible.
Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet, building to 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.
Southeast Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet, building to 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.
Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.

SWELLS: **All Areas:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Northern Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.

WEATHER: **Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 20-30% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** will be in effect for the **entire Bahamas**. **Mariners, especially small craft operators across all area waters are urged to remain in port.**

WINDS: **All Areas:** Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 11 feet, subsiding to 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night.

SEAS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 11 feet, subsiding to 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night.
Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.

SWELLS: **All Areas:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **Northern & Southeast Bahamas:** 10-20% chance of showers.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: 40-60% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.

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