



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST THURSDAY, MARCH 05TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EST.

WARNINGS:

A **Near Gale Warning (28–33 knots)** is in effect for the **Southeast Bahamas**, while a **Near Gale Watch** continues for the **Central Bahamas**. Fresh to strong winds with occasional gusts to near-gale force are likely across portions of this region today and into the weekend. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.**

Rip Currents and Rough Surf: A **moderate to high** risk of **rip currents** exists for all windward and Atlantic-exposed shorelines of the island chain. **Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water along all windward and Atlantic-exposed shorelines, while mariners, especially small craft operators, should remain in port.**

GENERAL SITUATION:

Strong surface high pressure centered northeast of The Bahamas will maintain moderate to fresh easterly breezes, rough seas, and isolated brief passing showers across the island chain through today. **OUTLOOK:** Hazardous marine conditions will persist across the island chain over the next several days as high pressure continues to generate fresh to strong breezes, with occasional gusts to near gale force across portions of the southeastern islands. These windy conditions will produce rough seas and potentially life-threatening swell activity, especially along Atlantic facing shorelines. Toward the weekend, a mid-level disturbance combined with streaming tropical moisture will increase the likelihood of showers and thunderstorms across the region.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters and the Gulf Stream, while a **small craft caution** is in effect for local waters. **Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port or avoid venturing far from port.**

WINDS:

Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet today; seas 4 feet tonight.

SWELLS:

Moderate to large easterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

10-20% chance of quick passing showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** is in effect for local waters. **Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port or avoid venturing far from port.**

WINDS:

Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

SWELLS:

Moderate to large easterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

10-20% chance of quick passing showers.



CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** A *small craft advisory* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a *small craft caution* is in effect for local waters. *Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port or avoid venturing far from port.*
- WINDS:** Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of quick passing showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Near Gale Warning (28–33 knots)* is in effect. *Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port.*
- WINDS:** Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to near gale force likely.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 3 to 5 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:** 10-20% chance of quick passing showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
8:27 PM	8:06 AM FRI.
Moon Phase FULL MOON	
Third Quarter, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:38 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	3:40 PM	3:10 PM	3:03 PM	3:32 PM
HIGH TIDE:	9:43 PM	9:19 PM	9:21 PM	9:35 PM

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 06TH, 2026:**

ADVISORY: **Near Gale Warning** in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and a **Near Gale Watch** for the Central Bahamas. A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for the local waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. **Small craft operators in the Southeast Bahamas are strongly urged to remain in port. Operators in the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas should exercise caution and avoid venturing far from port.**

WINDS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 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, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, building 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 4 feet.

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

WEATHER: **All Areas:** 20-30% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 07TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: **Near Gale Warning** in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and a **Near Gale Watch** for the Central Bahamas. A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for the local waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. **Small craft operators in the Southeast Bahamas are strongly urged to remain in port. Operators in the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas should exercise caution and avoid venturing far from port.**

WINDS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 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, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, building 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 4 feet.

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

WEATHER: **All Areas:** 20-30% chance of showers.

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