



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST THURSDAY, AUGUST 06TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

- **SEVERE WEATHER WARNING:**

North & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate risk for strong to possible severe. Mariners should be vigilant for thunderstorms with gusty winds, heavy rainfall, frequent lightning, *heavy downpours, and possible funnel cloud formation.*

- **THUNDERSTORM:**

North & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate risk for showers and thunderstorms.

Central & Southeast Bahamas: Low to moderate risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms.

- **RIP CURRENTS:** for the Atlantic exposed

North, Central & Southeast Bahamas: Moderate rip current risk - Swimmers should NOT venture in these areas.

SPECIAL

WARNINGS:

Northwest Bahamas: High rip current risk- Swimmers should refrain for entering these areas.

- **AIR QUALITY: (Saharan Dust)**

North Bahamas: Satisfactory-Minor breathing discomfort to sensitive people.

Remaining Bahamas: Fair-Minimal impact.

- **HEAT ADVISORY:**

Entire Bahamas:

Excessive... Heat cramps, heat exhaustion & heat stroke are possible with prolonged exposure and/or physical activity.

- **UV INDEX:** very humid... burn time within 15 to 20 minutes.

MARINE CONDITIONS:

Atlantic exposed:

- **Northwest Bahamas:** Small craft should not venture in these areas.
- **Remaining Sectors:** Small craft advisory...

WARNING:

Open Waters, Nearshore & Sheltered:

- **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft caution flag...
- **Remaining Bahamas:** None.

GENERAL

SITUATION:

A weak surface trough is moving around the southwest side of the high-pressure system. Winds will strengthen slightly as the pressure difference increases, and the extra moisture from the trough, combined with daytime heating, will increase the likelihood of scattered showers and thunderstorms developing during the afternoon.

OUTLOOK

Friday:

The trough will move west of Grand Bahama and over Florida's peninsula. Large upper-level low churn south of Jamaica will continue its westward trek.

Saturday:

OUTLOOK:

A surface high-pressure ridge will strengthen north of the northern islands, while the upper-level low sits to the west of Jamaica.

Be prepared for sudden thunderstorms with strong wind gusts and reduced visibility. Seas may become choppy or rough near thunderstorms.

Small craft operators should closely monitor marine forecasts and any advisories or warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology before heading out.



NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed... Gale warning this afternoon especially for Abaco. Near gale warning for Grand Bahama and adjacent waters tonight.</i>
WINDS:	East 10 to 15 knots today increasing throughout the day, becoming 12 to 18 knots tonight with higher gusts...
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet, open waters & Northwest Providence Channel – 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 5 to 7 feet.
GULF STREAM:	3 feet
SWELLS:	Open waters light east to east-southeast; moderate to large east-southeasterly for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER:	Partly sunny with the chance for isolated showers and thunderstorms.

NORHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Small should not venture into the Atlantic exposed areas...</i>
WINDS:	Northeast to east around 10 knots today and southeast 12 to 18 knots tonight becoming gusty at times...
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas-less than 2 feet, open waters & Exuma Sound (north) – 3 feet; & Northeast Providence Channel – 3 to 5 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 6 to 7 feet.
SWELLS:	Open waters light east and large to life-threatening east Atlantic exposed
WEATHER:	Mostly to partly sunny with the chance for isolated showers and possible thunderstorms.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed...</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast around 10 knots today and around 15 knots tonight becoming gusty at times...
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet, Exuma Sound (south) – 3 to 4 feet & Crooked Island passage- 3 to 5 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 6 feet.
SWELLS:	Large east for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER:	Mostly to partly sunny with the slight chance for isolated showers and possible thunderstorms

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed...</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast around 10 knots today and around 15 knots tonight becoming gusty at times...
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas 2 to 3 feet; open waters – 3 to 4 feet; remaining passages – 4 to 5 feet and the Atlantic exposed waters- up to 6 feet.
SWELLS:	Light to moderate east of open waters & moderate to large east-northeast the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER:	Mostly to partly sunny with the slight chance for isolated showers and possible thunderstorms

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
01:00 AM FRI	2:11 PM
MOON PHASE Last Quarter	
New Moon - Wednesday, August 12 th , 2026, at 1:37pm.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	2:30 PM	2:28 PM	2:21 PM	2:20 PM
LOW TIDE:	8:59 PM	8:57 PM	8:50 PM	9:19 PM
HIGH TIDE:	02:49 AM FRI	02:40 AM FRI	02:42 AM FRI	02:56 AM FRI
LOW TIDE:	08:57 AM FRI	08:55 AM FRI	08:48 AM FRI	09:17 AM FRI

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Official Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30, 2025. The tropics is quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected for the next 7 days.



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 07TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	THUNDERSTORM ADVISORY:
	North to Northwest Bahamas- Moderate risk for strong to possible severe activity. Central Bahamas- Low risk for thunderstorms
WINDS:	North & Northwest Bahamas- Southeast 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts. Central Bahamas- Southeast to east 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts. Southeast Bahamas- East 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts
SEAS:	North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas- 2 feet or less; Open waters (<i>Gulf Stream, Northwest Providence Channel, Tongue of the Ocean & Exuma Sound (north)</i>) – 2 to 3 feet; Northeast Providence Channel- 3 to 5 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– up to 6 feet Central & Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas- 1 to 3 feet; open waters, Exuma Sound (<i>south</i>) & Crooked Island passage- 3 to 5 feet; Mayaguana passage & Caicos passage- 4 to 5 feet the Atlantic exposed waters- up to 6 feet
SWELLS:	Northern Bahamas: Large east-southeast swells for the Atlantic waters. Northwest Bahamas: Large east swells for the Atlantic waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to large east-northeast swells for the Atlantic waters.
PRECIPITATION:	North & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms. Central Bahamas: Low risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 08TH 2026:

ADVISORY:	THUNDERSTORM ADVISORY:
	Northwest & Central Bahamas- Moderate risk for strong to possible severe activity. North & Southeast Bahamas- Low risk for thunderstorms
WINDS:	North Bahamas- East to southeast 10 to 15 knots Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas- East 12 to 18 knots with higher gusts.
SEAS:	North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas, open waters (<i>Northwest Providence Channel – less than 2 feet; Gulf Stream, Tongue of the Ocean & Exuma Sound (north)</i>) – 2 feet; Northeast Providence Channel- 2 to 4 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 4 to 5 feet Central & Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas- 1 to 3 feet; Exuma Sound (<i>south</i>) & Crooked Island passage- 3 to 4 feet; open waters, Mayaguana passage & Caicos passage- 4 to 5 feet the Atlantic exposed waters- up to 5 feet
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate east-southeast swells for the Atlantic waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Moderate east-northeast swells for the Atlantic waters.
PRECIPITATION:	North & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms. Central Southeast Bahamas: Low risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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