



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

Rip Currents: A *moderate* risk of rip currents exists across the Southeast Bahamas. Swimmers and beachgoers are advised to exercise caution when entering the water.

Heat Advisory: Mariners are advised that *high heat indices* (above 105°F/40.5°C) are expected across the waters of the *entire 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.

WARNINGS:

Tidal Levels: Due to the New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal. *Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.*

Severe Weather Risk: There is a *marginal to moderate risk* for isolated strong to possibly severe thunderstorms over the Northern and Southeast Bahamas today.

Troughing near the Northern Bahamas continues to increase shower and thunderstorm activity over the area. Meanwhile, a portion of a tropical wave will slightly enhance the chances of showers across the Southeast and Central islands later this afternoon. Mariners should expect slight seas until Friday, boating conditions are expected to deteriorate due to rough seas and strong breezes in the Southeast Bahamas.

GENERAL SITUATION:

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
WINDS: Southeast to south at less than 10 knots, becoming variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
GULF STREAM: Less than 2 feet
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of showers.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet across all waters.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic waters. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet open waters, and 4 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters south of Inagua late tonight.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of showers.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
8:32PM	8:34AM FRI
MOON PHASE NEW MOON	
FIRST QUARTER – 19 TH AUGUST 2026.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	3:30 PM	3:00 PM	2:53 PM	3:22 PM
HIGH TIDE:	9:39 PM	9:15 PM	9:17 PM	9:31 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Please see News Item on Post-Tropical Cyclone Cristobal.

1. Central Tropical Atlantic (AL92):
Showers and thunderstorms are showing signs of organization in association with a tropical wave located about 1000 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. Formation chance through 48 hours is high at 80 percent.

2. Eastern Tropical Atlantic (AL94):
A tropical wave located a few hundred miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Formation chance through 7 days is medium at 50 percent.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY:

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect for the southern territorial waters, including Inagua and the Turks and Caicos Islands. A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central Bahamas. A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and open waters of the Central Bahamas.

WINDS:

Northern Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots.

Central Bahamas: Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots.

Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with **gusts to near gale force possible** mainly south of Inagua.

SEAS:

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet building to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet building to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet building to 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: Chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

Southeast Bahamas: Slight chance of showers.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while a **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and for local and sheltered waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas. **Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.**

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with occasional higher gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East-northeast to east-southeast at 15 to 25 knots but gusty over the Southeastern Islands.

SEAS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 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 Saturday night.
Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet subsiding to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** Slight chance of isolated showers.

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