



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

SPECIAL WARNINGS: NONE...

Marine Conditions – Atlantic exposed:

- **North Bahamas:** Small craft caution; moderate chop conditions.
- **Northwest Bahamas:** Small craft advisory; choppy conditions
- **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Do not venture into this area due to rough conditions.

WARNING:

Open Waters:

- **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft caution; moderate chop conditions.

Nearshore & Sheltered:

- **Entire Bahamas:** None; smooth to slight chop conditions.

GENERAL SITUATION:

The surface ridge to the north of the area is the dominant feature, which will continue to drive northeast to east breezes across the North Bahamas. Elsewhere, winds will be moderate, veering to the east. This easterly flow will gradually improve sea conditions, but exposed Atlantic coastal areas can still expect choppy waters.

Friday & Saturday

Winds across the Bahamas will ease and become gentle as the high-pressure ridge shifts eastward. As sea conditions improve, mariners are asked to remain vigilant for rip currents near inlets, jetties, canals and between islands where water funnels through narrow gaps. The **New Moon phase** will increase tidal ranges, which means **stronger tidal currents**, especially in the previously mentioned waterways.

OUTLOOK:

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution is in effect for the Atlantic exposed waters...*
- WINDS:** Northeast 10 to 15 knots today becoming east tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas open waters & Northwest Providence Channel– less than 2 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 6 feet.
- GULF STREAM:** 2 feet
- SWELLS:** Light to moderate east for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Partly sunny to partly cloudy with the low risk for stray showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory in the Atlantic exposed waters...*
- WINDS:** Northeast to east 12 to 18 knots with higher gusts today becoming east 10 to 15 knots tonight.
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open waters & Exuma Sound (north) - 2 to 3 feet; Northeast Providence Channel- 3 to 5 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 6 feet.
- SWELLS:** Moderate east-northeast for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Partly sunny and breezy with the low risk for stray showers.



CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft do not venture in the Atlantic exposed waters...*
- WINDS:** Northeast 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts today becoming east tonight...
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; open waters and the Exuma Sound (south)- 3 to 4 feet; Crooked Island Passage- 4 to 6 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters – 7 feet.
- SWELLS:** Large east-northeast for the Atlantic exposed; moderate for the Great Bahama Bank.
- WEATHER:** Mostly to partly sunny and windy becoming gusty at times with the low risk for stray showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft do not venture in the Atlantic exposed waters...a caution for the open waters in the Great Bahama Bank.*
- WINDS:** East 12 to 18 knots today and tonight with higher gusts...
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas- 1 to 3 feet; open waters – 3 to 4 feet; Mayaguana & Caicos Passage- 4 to 6 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters – up to 7 feet.
- SWELLS:** Moderate northeast locally, large east-northeast for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Mostly to partly sunny and windy becoming gusty at times with the low risk for stray showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
06:34 AM <small>FRI</small>	6:56 PM
MOON PHASE Waning Crescent	
New Moon - Friday, April 17 th , 2026, at 07:52 AM.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	1:41 PM	1:39 PM	1:32 PM	2:01 PM
HIGH TIDE:	8:04 PM	7:55 PM	7:57 PM	8:11 PM
LOW TIDE:	02:21 AM <small>FRI</small>	02:19 AM <small>FRI</small>	02:12 AM <small>FRI</small>	02:41 AM <small>FRI</small>
HIGH TIDE:	08:23 AM <small>FRI</small>	08:14 AM <small>FRI</small>	08:16 AM <small>FRI</small>	08:30 AM <small>FRI</small>

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Official Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30, 2025.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2025:

- ADVISORY:** **Entire Bahamas:** Small craft caution for the Atlantic waters
- WINDS:** **North & Northeast Bahamas-** Northeast to east around 10 knots
Central & Southeast Bahamas- East 10 to 15 knots.
- SEAS:** **North, Northwest & Central Bahamas –** All areas west of the ‘Island Wall-2 feet or less and east of the wall (the Atlantic side) – 3 to 5 feet.
Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – 2 feet; open waters – 3 feet; All passages –3 to 4 feet and the Atlantic waters – up to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** **Entire Bahamas:** Light east swells for the Atlantic waters.
- PRECIPITATION:** **Entire Bahamas:** Low risk for isolated showers...

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2025:**

ADVISORY:	North & Northwest Bahamas: None Central & Southeast Bahamas: Small craft should exercise caution for the Atlantic waters.
WINDS:	Entire Bahamas- East 10 to 15 knots North, Northwest & Central Bahamas – All areas west of the ‘Island Wall-less than 2 feet and east of the wall (the Atlantic side) – 4 feet or less.
SEAS:	Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters – 1 to 3 feet; All passages –2 to 4 feet and the Atlantic waters – up to 4 feet.
SWELLS:	Entire Bahamas: Light east swells for the Atlantic waters.
PRECIPITATION:	Entire Bahamas: Low risk for isolated showers...

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