



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST THURSDAY, MAY 21ST, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

SPECIAL WARNINGS: Thunderstorm warning: Strong for the Central & Southeast Bahamas;

MARINE CONDITIONS:

Atlantic exposed:

- **Entire Bahamas:** Small craft advisory in effect.

Open Waters, Nearshore & Sheltered:

- **North, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** None.
- **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution.

WARNING:

RIP CURRENT: for the Atlantic exposed areas

NORTH, NORTHWEST & CENTRAL BAHAMAS- Low to moderate risk for rip currents and rip tides, and weak under tow.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS- High risk for strong rip currents and rip tides, and under tow.

A ridge of high pressure will remain the dominant weather feature across the region, while a mid- to upper-level low north of The Bahamas will continue to support the chance of convective activity in the forecast area.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Gentle to moderate easterly winds will persist across the country, maintaining advisory conditions for Atlantic waters. Small craft operators should exercise caution, and swimmers are advised to remain vigilant due to the risk of rip currents.

For waters west of the island wall, boating conditions are expected to remain generally calm and relaxed. However, with the possibility of afternoon thunderstorms, the primary concern will be the rapid development of storm cells.

Outlook

Friday & Saturday:

OUTLOOK:

A mid-to-upper-level elongated low and trough will generate showers and thunderstorms across the islands as it sits to the east of the country. Friday night into Saturday, the upper-level feature will weaken, causing a decrease in thunderstorm activity. However, the pressure gradient will remain relatively tight, keeping winds and seas active for the Atlantic waters.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters. Winds and seas will be higher due to thunderstorm activity.*

WINDS: East 10 to 15 knots today and overnight...

LOCAL SEAS: All areas- less than 2 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 5 feet.

GULF STREAM: 2 feet

SWELLS: Light to moderate east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed

WEATHER: Mostly to partly sunny with cloudy periods with afternoon to overnight showers and possible thunderstorms



NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters. Winds and seas will be higher due to thunderstorm activity.*
- WINDS:** East 15 knots today and overnight...
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas and open waters- less than 2 feet; Exuma Sound(north)- 1 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** Light to moderate east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Mostly to partly sunny with cloudy periods with afternoon to overnight showers and possible thunderstorms

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters. Winds and seas will be higher due to thunderstorm activity.*
- WINDS:** East 15 knots today and overnight...
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas - less than 2 feet; open waters and Exuma Sound(south)- 3 to 5 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 4 to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** Light east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Mostly to partly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters. Winds and seas will be higher due to thunderstorm activity.*
- WINDS:** East 10 to 15 knots today becoming 15 to 20 knots for overnight hours...
- LOCAL SEAS:** Sheltered areas – 2 to 4 feet; open waters and passage- 4 to 5 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 5 to 6 feet.
- SWELLS:** Moderate to large east for the Atlantic exposed
- WEATHER:** Mostly cloudy to cloudy with showers and thunderstorms

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
11:14 AM	12:57 AM <small>FRI</small>
MOON PHASE Waxing Crescent	
First Quarter Moon - Saturday, May 23 rd , 2026, at 07:11 AM.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	12:38 PM	12:29 PM	12:31 PM	12:45 PM
LOW TIDE:	6:36 PM	6:34 PM	6:27 PM	6:56 PM
HIGH TIDE:	01:06 AM <small>FRI</small>	12:57 AM <small>FRI</small>	12:59 AM <small>FRI</small>	01:13 AM <small>FRI</small>
LOW TIDE:	07:34 AM <small>FRI</small>	07:32 AM <small>FRI</small>	07:25 AM <small>FRI</small>	07:54 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, 2026.
The tropics is quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected during next 7 days.



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 22ND, 2026:

ADVISORY: **Local waters for the Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution...
Entire Bahamas: Small craft advisory for the Atlantic waters...

WINDS: **Entire Bahamas-** East 12 to 18 knots becoming gusty at times

SEAS: **North, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Sheltered areas- 2 feet, open waters, Gulf Stream, Northwest & Northeast Providence Channel- 2 to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Southeast Bahamas – All areas – 3 to 4 feet and the Atlantic exposed waters– 5 feet

SWELLS: **North half of the Bahamas:** Moderate east-southeast swells for the Atlantic waters
South half of the Bahamas: Moderate east swells locally and for the Atlantic exposed waters.

PRECIPITATION: **Entire Bahamas:** Light to moderate risk for showers and possible thunderstorms...

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 2026:

ADVISORY: **Entire Bahamas & Local waters for the Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft advisory for the Atlantic waters...

WINDS: **North Bahamas-** Southeast 12 to 18 knots becoming gusty.
Remaining Bahamas- East 12 to 18 knots becoming gusty.

SEAS: **North, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Sheltered areas- 2 feet, open waters, Gulf Stream, Northwest & Northeast Providence Channel- 2 to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Southeast Bahamas – All areas – 3 to 4 feet and the Atlantic exposed waters– 5 feet

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PRECIPITATION: **Entire Bahamas:** Light to moderate risk for showers and possible thunderstorms...

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