

**BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST**

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT THURSDAY, JULY 09TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

A *Gale Watch (34–40 knots)* is in effect for the waters south of Inagua, while a *Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)* remains in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. Occasional gusts to gale force are likely south of Inagua, with near-gale-force wind gusts expected elsewhere across the Southeast Bahamas through tonight. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.*

Rip Currents: A *high* risk of rip currents and rough surf exists along Atlantic-exposed beaches of the Southeast Bahamas, while a *moderate* risk exists across the Central Bahamas. **Swimmers and beachgoers in the Southeast Bahamas are advised to avoid entering the water, while those in the Central Bahamas should exercise caution.**

WARNINGS:

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

Dust Advisory: A Dust Advisory is now in effect for the **entire Bahamas as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands.** **Moderate** concentrations of Saharan dust are reducing visibility and impacting air quality. **Mariners should exercise caution, particularly across offshore and Atlantic-exposed waters where visibility may be reduced at times.**

Lingering Saharan dust will limit widespread shower and thunderstorm activity across area waters through this afternoon. However, pockets of moisture along the northern edge of a tropical wave passing south of the area may support isolated showers and thunderstorms across portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Meanwhile, high pressure will maintain gentle to moderate breezes across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas and fresh to strong breezes across the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Unsettled weather may increase across the southeastern waters tonight as another tropical wave approaches the area.

OUTLOOK: The tropical waves will maintain slightly elevated shower and thunderstorm chances across portions of the Bahamas through Saturday. Another plume of Saharan dust and strong ridging will bring generally fair conditions and moderate to strong breezes across the island chain through midweek.

GENERAL SITUATION:**NORTHERN BAHAMAS**

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

ADVISORY:	<i>Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.</i>
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
GULF STREAM:	Seas around 2 feet.
SWELLS:	Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.



WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, with occasional higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, with occasional higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A *Gale Watch (34–40 knots)* is in effect for waters south of Inagua, while a *Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)* is in effect for the remainder of the Southeast Bahamas. *Small craft operators are advised to remain in port.*
WINDS: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots, with **gusts to near gale force.**
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
3:16 PM	2:17 AM FRI.
Moon Phase THIRD QUARTER	
New Moon, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:43 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	4:18 PM	3:54 PM	3:56 PM	4:10 PM
LOW TIDE:	10:53PM	10:23 PM	10:16 PM	10:45 PM

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

**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:****For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of America:**

Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven (7) days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 10TH, 2026:

- ADVISORY:** A *Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)* is in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas, and for local waters across the Southeast Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** **Northern Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale force possible.*
- SEAS:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 3 feet.
- SWELLS:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Slight to moderate southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 20-40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 10-20% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2026:

- ADVISORY:** A *Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)* is in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central Bahamas, and for local waters across the Southeast Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale force possible.*
- SEAS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 3 feet.
- SWELLS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** **All Areas:** 10-30% chance of showers.

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