



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect for the **Central and Southeast Bahamas**. Near gale force winds are possible across the Central and Southeast Bahamas through 6 pm Wednesday. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.**

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: A **high** risk of dangerous rip currents exists along all east coast and Atlantic-exposed beaches of the island chain along with the open waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas including the waters around Ragged Island and The Old Bahama Channel. **Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water along all windward and Atlantic-exposed shorelines.**

An Atlantic high-pressure system centered northeast of The Bahamas remains the dominant weather feature, maintaining fresh to near-gale east to southeast breezes along with rough to very rough seas across the island chain. Meanwhile, wind-driven showers may occasionally reduce visibility and produce locally higher winds and seas over area waters through tonight.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: High pressure will gradually weaken through midweek, allowing winds and seas to slowly subside. By late Thursday into Friday, increasing tropical moisture will support an increase in shower and thunderstorm activity, mainly across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. During the weekend, an area of low pressure and associated troughing emerging from the Gulf of Mexico may further deteriorate marine conditions and increase the potential for strong thunderstorms across portions of the island chain.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters and passages, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for local and sheltered waters.
- WINDS:** Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- GULF STREAM:** Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.
- SWELLS:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters and passages, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for local and sheltered waters.
- WINDS:** Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers.



CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** A *Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)* is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*
- WINDS:** Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale* likely.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** A *Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)* is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*
- WINDS:** Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale* likely.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
4:01 PM	3:40 AM WED.
Moon Phase FIRST QUARTER	
Full Moon, on Tuesday, May 31, 2026, at 4:45 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	5:56 PM	5:32 PM	5:34 PM	5:48 PM
LOW TIDE:	12:24 AM WED.	11:54 PM	11:47 PM	12:16 AM WED.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH, 2026:**

ADVISORY:	A Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots) is in effect for the Central and Southeast Bahamas . Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port. A small craft advisory remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters and passages of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas , while a small craft caution remains in effect for local and sheltered waters.
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Southeasterly at 15 knots with occasional higher gusts. Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts, decreasing to 15 knots by nightfall. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale during the day, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours. Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters and passages.
SEAS:	Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet subsiding to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters, passages, the Exuma Sound and The Old Bahama Channel Wednesday night. Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight to moderate southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	All Areas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 28TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	Central & Southeast Bahamas: A small craft advisory remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters and passages, while a small craft caution remains in effect for local and sheltered waters. Northern & Northwest Bahamas: A small craft caution is in effect for all area waters.
WINDS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming southeast to south at 10 knots or less by nightfall. Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with occasional higher gusts.
SEAS:	Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 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 easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	All Areas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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