



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 01<sup>ST</sup>, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

**WARNINGS:** A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect for the **Central and Southeast Bahamas**, while a **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** is now in effect for the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas**. Strong winds, with occasional gusts to near-gale force, are likely across the island chain throughout the remainder of the work week. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port across the Central and Southeast Bahamas and in all Atlantic exposed waters, including the Gulf Stream, Northeast Providence Channel, Exuma Sound, Crooked Island Passage, Mayaguana Passage, Caicos Passage, and adjacent Atlantic waters. Small craft operators should exercise extreme caution and refrain from venturing far from port in all other area waters.*

**Rip Currents and Rough Surf:** A **high risk** of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents and rough surf exists along all **Atlantic-exposed beaches and area waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas**, while a **moderate risk** exists over the **sheltered northern territorial waters**. *Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water in the Central and Southeast Bahamas, and along all northern, eastern and Atlantic-exposed shorelines.*

**GENERAL SITUATION:** Strong to occasionally gusty winds and rough to very rough seas, generated by a robust Atlantic high-pressure system, will persist across the island chain through the remainder of the work week. Meanwhile, a pulse of low-level moisture will increase the likelihood of showers across the Central and Southeast Bahamas this evening through tonight.

**OUTLOOK:** Winds will strengthen once again by late Thursday as an induced trough develops over the Lesser Antilles, resulting in further building seas across all areas through the end of the work week. This system will gradually move toward the Bahamas, reaching the southern islands by the weekend, where it is expected to interact with an upper-level disturbance approaching from the eastern Gulf of Mexico. This interaction will likely lead to increased cloudiness and an elevated chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning Friday and continuing into early next week. Another frontal system may enter the forecast area late Monday night into early Tuesday morning.

### NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** is in effect for all areas. A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.*

**WINDS:** East-northeast to east-southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts tonight.

**LOCAL SEAS:** 1 to 3 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

**GULF STREAM:** Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.

**SWELLS:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers, increasing to 20-30% by tonight.

### NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Watch (28 to 33 knots)** is in effect for all areas. A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.*

**WINDS:** Easterly at 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts tonight.

**LOCAL SEAS:** 1 to 3 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

**SWELLS:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers, increasing to 20-40% by tonight.

### CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.*

**WINDS:** Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely tonight.

**LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet, building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

**SWELLS:** Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.



**WEATHER:** 10–20% chance of showers, increasing to 30-40% by this evening.

**SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS**

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

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** remains in effect. **Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.**

**WINDS:** Northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.

**LOCAL SEAS:** 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 12 feet, subsiding to 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.

**SWELLS:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** 30-40% chance of showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
7:17 PM	7:05 AM THU.
Moon Phase <b>FULL MOON</b>	
<b>Third Quarter, on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 12:51 AM</b>	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	2:52 PM	2:22 PM	2:15 PM	2:44 PM
HIGH TIDE:	8:56 PM	8:32 PM	8:34 PM	8:48 PM

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2026:**

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** will be in effect for the **entire Bahamas. Mariners, especially small craft operators across all area waters are urged to remain in port.**

**WINDS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Easterly at 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible Thursday night.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely, increasing to 20 to 25 knots Thursday evening.

**SEAS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Gulf Stream:** Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.

**SWELLS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Moderate to large easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** **All Areas:** 10-30% chance of showers.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2026:**

**ADVISORY:** A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** will be in effect for the **entire Bahamas. Mariners, especially small craft operators across all area waters are urged to remain in port.**

**WINDS:** **All Areas:** Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.  
**Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet, building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

**SEAS:** **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet, building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.  
**Gulf Stream:** Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.  
**Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**SWELLS:** **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 10-20% chance of showers.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 20-30% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.



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