



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

A Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots) is now in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. Near gale wind gusts over open waters are possible across the watch area today through Thursday. ***Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to remain in port.***

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

WARNINGS:

There is a ***high risk of rip currents*** and rough surf in the Southeast Bahamas, and a ***moderate risk of rip currents*** for all waters of the Central Bahamas. ***Swimmers and beachgoers in the Southeast Bahamas should avoid entering waters. Beachgoers are urged to exercise caution when entering the water.***

Dust Advisory: ***Moderate*** Saharan dust concentrations will affect the visibility and air quality of the waters of the entire Bahamas. ***Mariners should exercise caution while traversing these areas due to reduced visibility and should take the necessary precautions to safeguard respiratory health.***

GENERAL SITUATION:

Hot, humid and hazy conditions to persist across the archipelago through tonight due to a plume of Saharan dust sitting over the island chain. Deep ridging across The Bahamas will maintain moderate to fresh breezes for majority of the area, while an approaching tropical wave will introduce strong to near gale winds for the Southeast Bahamas. Mariners should expect moderate to rough sea conditions in the Northwest and Central Bahamas and should not venture out of port in the Southeast Bahamas.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
GULF STREAM: 3 feet or less.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of isolated showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a ***small craft caution*** for Atlantic waters.
WINDS: Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in open waters, 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of isolated showers.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a ***small craft advisory*** for Atlantic waters.
There is a ***small craft caution*** for open waters.
WINDS: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet in open waters, 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of isolated showers.



SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

A **Gale Watch (34 – 40 knots)** is in effect for the waters south of Inagua, and **Near Gale Warning is in effect elsewhere.**

ADVISORY:

Small craft operators should remain in port.

WINDS: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots, *with gusts up to near gale force and gale force possible near Inagua.*

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore, 4 to 6 in open waters, and 6 to 9 in Atlantic- exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Chance of showers.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
1:10PM	12:54AM THU
MOON PHASE LAST QUARTER	
NEW MOON – 14 TH JULY 2026.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	3:17 PM	2:53 PM	2:55 PM	3:09 PM
LOW TIDE:	9:46 PM	9:16 PM	9:09 PM	9:38 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 2026:

ADVISORY:

Near Gale Warning for the Southeast Bahamas.

Small craft advisory for the Central Bahamas. *Small craft caution* for the Northwest Bahamas.

Northern Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.

Northwest and Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots.

WINDS:

Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots, with *gusts to near gale force possible* near the Inaguas.

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building up to 5 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Central Bahamas: 3 – 5 feet nearshore, building up to 6 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

Southeast Bahamas: 4 – 6 feet nearshore, building up to 8 - 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Slight chance of showers.

Central and Southeast Bahamas: Chance of showers with thunderstorms.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, 9TH JULY, 2026:**

- ADVISORY:** **Near Gale Warning for the Southeast Bahamas.**
Small craft advisory for the Central Bahamas. *Small craft caution* for the Northwest Bahamas.
Northern Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.
Northwest and Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots.
- WINDS:** **Southeast Bahamas:** East to southeast at 20 to 25 knots, with *gusts to near gale force possible* near the Inaguas.
- SEAS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building up to 5 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
Central Bahamas: 3 – 5 feet nearshore, building up to 6 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 4 – 6 feet nearshore, building up to 8 - 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
- PRECIPITATION:** **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** Chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: Slight chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.

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