



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH, 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 this evening. **Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to 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 continues to maintain fresh to strong breezes along with moderate to rough seas across the island chain, while pockets of low-level moisture support isolated passing showers over area waters.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: High pressure will gradually weaken and shift southeastward tonight, allowing winds and seas to slowly subside as a surge of moisture enters from the west. By late Thursday into Friday, increasing tropical moisture will support a rise in shower and thunderstorm activity, mainly across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas before spreading into portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas on Saturday. This unsettled weather pattern is expected to persist through Monday, especially across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, as additional moisture streams northward from the Caribbean and troughing develops across the area.

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 8 feet, subsiding to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
- GULF STREAM:** Seas around 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.
- SWELLS:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 20% 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 8 feet, subsiding to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters tonight.
- SWELLS:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 20% 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. <i>Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.</i>
WINDS:	Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely today, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	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 tonight.
SWELLS:	Moderate east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	20% 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. <i>Boaters, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port.</i>
WINDS:	Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely today, decreasing to 20 knots with higher gusts by evening hours.
LOCAL SEAS:	3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS:	Moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	20% chance of showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
4:54 PM	4:12 AM THU.
Moon Phase FIRST QUARTER	
Full Moon, on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 4:45 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	6:42 PM	6:18 PM	6:20 PM	6:34 PM
LOW TIDE:	1:14 AM THU.	12:44 AM THU.	12:37 AM THU.	1:06 AM THU.

*(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 THURSDAY, MAY 28TH, 2026:**

ADVISORY:	Central & Southeast Bahamas: A <i>small craft caution</i> is in effect for all area waters and passages. Northern & Northwest Bahamas: <i>Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.</i>
WINDS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots, decreasing to 10 knots or less by nightfall. Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SEAS:	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 east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 20% chance of showers during the day, increasing to 20-40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms by evening to night hours, mainly across the western portions. Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 29TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	All Areas: <i>Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility near heavy showers and thunderstorms.</i> Northern Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.
WINDS:	Northwest Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, occasionally falling light and variable at times. Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, decreasing to 10 knots or less across the Central Bahamas by the afternoon hours. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SEAS:	Southeast Bahamas: 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 less than 2 feet or less.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 30-50% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms. Some showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times. Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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