



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EST.

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH (Winds: 28 knots – 33 knots)** in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. Near-gale winds gusts are possible across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. *Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WARNINGS:

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.

There is a **moderate to high risk** of rip currents for open and Atlantic waters of the island chain.

Swimmers are advised not to enter these waters.

GENERAL SITUATION:

High pressure dominates the weather across the archipelago, creating drier and more stable conditions over the area. Stable conditions are expected to persist through the weekend due to the high pressure sitting over the island chain. Seas are expected to gradually subside through the weekend into early next week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for Atlantic waters.
WINDS: North to northeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in open waters, 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic waters.
GULF STREAM: 4 to 6 feet.
SWELLS: Moderate to large northeasterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of an isolated shower.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.
WINDS: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet in the Northeast Providence Channel, 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to large northeasterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of an isolated shower.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.
WINDS: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet in open waters, 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Moderate to large east to northeasterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of an isolated shower.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect.
There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.
WINDS: Northwest to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with near gale gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet in open waters, 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Moderate easterly swells in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Slight chance of an isolated shower.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
10:22PM	9:25AM SUN
MOON PHASE NEW MOON	
FIRST QUARTER – 25 TH MARCH 2026	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	4:49 PM	4:19 PM	4:12 PM	4:41 PM
HIGH TIDE:	11:02 PM	10:38 PM	10:40 PM	10:54 PM

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while a *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, as well as sheltered waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
Northern Bahamas: Light and variable.
Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less.

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters. 6 to 8 feet, subsiding 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters Sunday night in the Central Bahamas.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet, subsiding 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters Sunday night.

PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** Slight chance of an isolated shower.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Southeast Bahamas.
Northern Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, occasionally falling light and variable at times.

WINDS: **Northwest and Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 knots or less, occasionally falling light and variable at times.
Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 knots with higher gusts.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** Slight chance of an isolated shower.

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