



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR THIS AFTERNOON, TONIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNING IN EFFECT:

A **Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning** remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas until 8pm tonight. Occasional gusts to near gale force are possible across the warning areas,(Mainly Gulf stream waters). Boaters, especially small craft, should remain in port. Please see the **Special Weather Statement** and **Marine forecast** for more information regarding severe weather and hazardous marine conditions that will persist through midweek.

GENERAL SITUATION:

A cold front enhanced by a mid-level low has stalled across the Central Bahamas. Behind the front isolated showers and pockets of rain continue in the Northwest Islands, while there is a slight to marginal risk of severe weather across the Central Bahamas through tonight. A dryer, stable airmass due to building high pressure exist across the Northern Bahamas with fresh to strong breezes that will prevail until about 8 pm tonight. Hazardous sea conditions continue.

Outlook: High pressure combined with a drier air mass across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, will continue to keep conditions relatively quiet across the northern half of the country through midweek. However shower and thunderstorm chances will remain elevated across portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas as the frontal boundary stalls across the area, eventually dissipating late Wednesday into early Thursday. By Friday, another round of unsettled weather is possible as a disturbance moves into the Southeast Bahamas from the Caribbean sea, increasing shower and thunderstorm chances across the southern islands. By Saturday, activity could extend farther north into the Central and Northwest Bahamas as a mid- to upper-level trough approaches the island chain from the west.

SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is a **slight** to **moderate** risk for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms across portions of the **Central Bahamas** today. These storms could produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity. *Mariners should remain vigilant, stay updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology, and be prepared to seek safe harbour should conditions worsen.*

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate** to **high** risk of dangerous rip currents across ALL waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A **slight** to **moderate** risk exists elsewhere. *Beachgoers in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas should continue to exercise extreme caution and should refrain from entering the water.*

Flooding: There is a **moderate** to **high** risk of localized flooding across portions of the **Northwest and Central Bahamas** through tonight, mainly in low-lying, flood prone and urban areas during heavy rainfall events.

Coastal Hazards: Motorists and pedestrians across the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas** are advised to exercise caution while traversing coastal roads and along sea walls due to possible overtopping waves, sea spray and sea inundation especially during the high tide cycle.

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

SKY CONDITIONS:	Partly sunny this afternoon, fair tonight		
PRECIPITATION:	10 to 20% chance of an isolated shower		
WINDS:	Northeast at 15 to 20 knots, gusting at times, decreasing 10 to 15 knots tonight		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C	74°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C	N/A



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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly cloudy to cloudy, through tonight.
PRECIPITATION: 20 to 50% chance of widely scattered showers or an isolated thunderstorm
WINDS: Northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C 74°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C N/A

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Cloudy to overcast through tonight.
PRECIPITATION: 50 to 80% chance of scattered showers, isolated thunderstorms and rain.
WINDS: Northeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C 74°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C N/A

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly sunny this afternoon, partly cloudy tonight.
PRECIPITATION: 20 to 40% chance of an isolated showers or a thunderstorm
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable tonight.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 91°F / 31°C – 33°C 77°F – 81°F / 25°C – 27°C 100°F – 104°F / 38°C – 40°C

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

1. Off the East Coast of the United States:
A storm-force non-tropical low pressure is located along the frontal boundary that is over the Central Bahamas. This low will move slowly and erratically over the next few days, maintaining the hazardous marine condition throughout the islands. During the next 7 days this low has a medium 40% chance of development before continuing northeastward later this week.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Northern Bahamas:** Variably cloudy during the day, becoming fair at night.
Northwest Bahamas: A mix of sun and clouds, becoming variably cloudy at night.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly to mostly cloudy
PRECIPITATION: **Northern Bahamas:** 10 to 20% chance of brief passing light showers.
Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of isolated showers or an isolated afternoon thunderstorm.
Central Bahamas: 40 to 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms possible.
WINDS: **Northern and Northeast Bahamas:** Northeast at 10 to 15 knots.
Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts
Southeast Bahamas: Northeast at 10 knots or less.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C N/A



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Partly sunny during the day, becoming mainly fair at night.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy with decreasing cloudiness through the evening hours.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of a few stray showers.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Northeast at 10 knots or less.		
	Northwest and Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, decreasing 10 knots or less at night.		
	Southeast Bahamas: South to southwest at less than 10 knots, becoming light and variable during the afternoon hours.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	82°F – 88°F / 28°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Southeast Bahamas: A mix of sun and clouds		
	Elsewhere: Partly to variably cloudy.		
PRECIPITATION:	Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of stray showers.		
	Elsewhere: 30 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.		
	Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 knots or less, increasing to 10 to 15 knots by the evening hours.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Partly sunny.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly to variably cloudy, with increasing cloudiness across the Southeast Bahamas by the evening hours.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms		
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots.		
	Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.		
	Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots, with near gale gusts. Winds are expected to shift Southeast to south at 15 to 25 knots with near gale gusts.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	All areas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.		
PRECIPITATION:	All areas: 40 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots.		
	Southeast Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C	72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C	N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.		
	Elsewhere: Mix of sun and clouds.		
PRECIPITATION:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 40 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.		
	Elsewhere: 20 to 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.		
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with <i>gusts to near gale force at times mainly across the Northern Bahamas..</i>		
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C	73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C	N/A



SUNSET:	SUNRISE:	MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
6:37 PM	7:11 AM TUE	2:41 PM	1:47 AM TUE

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