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SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT

Updated at 12:00 PM EDT on Monday, 19th October, 2026

...SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS ACROSS THE CENTRAL BAHAMAS AS THE COLD FRONT STALLS NEARBY...

...LARGE NORTHEAST SWELLS AND HAZARDOUS MARINE CONDITIONS CONTINUE THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK...

This statement updates the Special Weather Statement issued on Saturday, 17th October, 2026.

...Showers and thunderstorms, with locally heavy rain, will affect the Central and parts of the Northwest and Southeast Bahamas today through Tuesday night...

...Large northeasterly swells will keep seas hazardous on Atlantic exposures across all regions through Wednesday, with dangerous rip currents through Thursday...

At 11:00 AM EDT, the cold front extended from a deep low pressure system near 33°N 71°W, well north of The Bahamas, south-westward across the western edge of the Great Bahama Bank and the Straits of Florida to the north coast of Cuba. A band of showers and thunderstorms lay ahead of the front across the Central Bahamas. The front will stall near its present position, weaken tonight and dissipate by Wednesday. The low will drift slowly north of The Bahamas for the next couple of days before moving north-eastward later in the week. Strong high pressure over the eastern United States, together with this low, will maintain strong northeasterly winds over the Gulf Stream and large northeasterly swells across Bahamian waters through Wednesday.

Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will affect the Central and parts of the Northwest and Southeast Bahamas today through Tuesday night. The activity will focus mainly over New Providence, Andros, Eleuthera, the Exumas, Cat Island, Long Island, San Salvador, Rum Cay and Ragged Island. Showers and thunderstorms will spread into the remainder of the Southeast Bahamas tonight and Tuesday, then decrease on Wednesday. Some thunderstorms will produce frequent lightning, strong gusty winds, heavy downpours and possible waterspouts. Isolated rainfall totals of 2 to 4 inches are possible. There is a slight to moderate risk of flooding in low-lying and flood-prone areas. Drier air will limit showers over the Northern Bahamas.

Marine Impacts:

Winds and Seas:

Northeasterly winds of 20 to 25 knots, with gusts to 30 knots, will continue over the Gulf Stream west of Bimini and Grand Bahama today and tonight, easing to 15 to 20 knots on Tuesday afternoon. Seas there will be 9 to 12 feet, occasionally 15 feet, today. Northeasterly winds blowing against the northward-flowing Gulf Stream will continue to produce steep, closely spaced and dangerous waves. Across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, northeasterly winds of 15 to 20 knots will continue through Tuesday, then ease to 10 to 15 knots from Tuesday night. Seas on Atlantic exposures will remain 9 to 13 feet today and tonight, subsiding to 8 to 12 feet on Tuesday and 6 to 9 feet on Wednesday.

Atlantic Swells:

Long-period northeasterly swells now affect Atlantic exposures from Grand Bahama to Mayaguana. Seas of 7 to 11 feet will affect the Atlantic exposures of the Central and Southeast Bahamas through Tuesday, even though local winds there will be only 10 to 15 knots. The swells will begin to subside slowly on Tuesday night. Swells will break heavily across reefs, cuts and harbour entrances. Seas of 6 to 8 feet will persist on most Atlantic exposures through Thursday.

Advice to Mariners:

Small craft operators in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas should continue to remain in port until conditions improve. Mariners should not attempt to cross the Gulf Stream through Tuesday night. Small craft operators in the Central and Southeast Bahamas should remain in port or stay in sheltered waters through Wednesday, and should avoid Atlantic-exposed passages and cuts. All

mariners should secure their vessels and closely monitor marine forecasts issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.

Rip Currents and Surf:

Dangerous to life-threatening rip currents and rough, pounding surf will continue along Atlantic-facing and north-facing beaches in all regions through at least Thursday. This includes the northern beaches of New Providence and Grand Bahama. Beachgoers, swimmers and pleasure-craft operators are strongly urged to remain out of the water during this period.

Anticipated Marine Alert Levels (subject to confirmation in the official Marine Forecast):

Region	Anticipated Alert	Period
Northern Bahamas	Small Craft Advisory Gusts near gale force over the Gulf Stream west of Bimini and Grand Bahama	Today – Wednesday Today – tonight
Northwest Bahamas	Small Craft Advisory	Today – Wednesday
Central Bahamas	Small Craft Advisory on Atlantic exposures, becoming Small Craft Caution	Today – Wednesday Thursday
Southeast Bahamas	Small Craft Advisory on Atlantic exposures, becoming Small Craft Caution	Today – Tuesday night Wednesday – Thursday

Projected Sea Heights for the Territorial Waters of the Bahamas

Period	Northern Bahamas	Northwest Bahamas	Central Bahamas	Southeast Bahamas
This Afternoon (19th October)	Sheltered: 5–8 ft Atlantic: 9–13 ft Gulf Stream: 9–12 ft, occasionally 15 ft	Sheltered: 4–7 ft Atlantic: 9–13 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 7–10 ft, 9– 13 ft north of 24°N	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 6–10 ft, 4–6 ft near Inagua
Tonight (19th October)	Sheltered: 5–8 ft Atlantic: 9–13 ft Gulf Stream: 8–11 ft, occasionally 14 ft	Sheltered: 4–7 ft Atlantic: 9–13 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 7–11 ft	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 7–11 ft
Tuesday (20th October)	Sheltered: 4–7 ft Atlantic: 8–12 ft Gulf Stream: 7–10 ft, occasionally 13 ft	Sheltered: 4–6 ft Atlantic: 8–12 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 7–10 ft	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 6–10 ft
Tuesday Night (20th October)	Sheltered: 4–6 ft Atlantic: 7–10 ft Gulf Stream: 6–9 ft, occasionally 11 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 7–10 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 6–9 ft	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 6–9 ft
Wednesday (21st October)	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 6–9 ft Gulf Stream: 5–8 ft, occasionally 10 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 6–9 ft	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 6–8 ft	Sheltered: 1–3 ft Atlantic: 5–7 ft
Thursday (22nd October)	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 6–8 ft Gulf Stream: 5–7 ft, occasionally 9 ft	Sheltered: 3–5 ft Atlantic: 6–8 ft	Sheltered: 2–4 ft Atlantic: 5–7 ft	Sheltered: 1–3 ft Atlantic: 4–7 ft

Land Impacts:

Flooding:

Heavy downpours today through Tuesday night may cause flooding of roads and low-lying areas in the Central Bahamas and parts of the Northwest and Southeast Bahamas. Motorists should not drive through flooded roads. Residents in flood-prone areas should clear drains and move valuables to higher ground.

Coastal Flooding and Erosion:

Large swells and persistent onshore winds are likely to cause wave overwash, heavy sea spray and minor to moderate coastal flooding along north- and east-facing coastal roads through Wednesday. The greatest risk will occur around the times of high tide. Coastal erosion is likely along Atlantic-facing shorelines. Motorists should avoid flooded coastal roads, and pedestrians should keep away from sea walls and exposed shorelines. Property owners in coastal areas should take the necessary measures to safeguard their property.

Wind Hazards:

Strong gusts in thunderstorms today and tonight may topple loose objects, signs and weak tree limbs in the Central Bahamas. Residents should secure loose outdoor items and furnishings.

Temperatures:

Slightly cooler and less humid air will settle over the Northern and Northwest Bahamas from Tuesday. Overnight lows may dip into the low 70s °F in parts of Grand Bahama, Bimini and Abaco. A significant drop in temperature is not expected.

Projected Wind Speeds and Gusts for the Bahamas

Period	Northern Bahamas	Northwest Bahamas	Central Bahamas	Southeast Bahamas
This Afternoon (19th October)	NE 15–20 kt 20–25 kt over the Gulf Stream Gusts to 30 kt	NE 15–20 kt Gusts to 25 kt	NE–E 10–15 kt Stronger gusts in thunderstorms	E near 10 kt
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Tuesday (20th October)	NE 15–20 kt 20–25 kt over the Gulf Stream, easing to 15–20 kt in the afternoon	NE 15–20 kt Gusts to 25 kt	NE 10–15 kt	E near 10 kt
Tuesday Night (20th October)	NE 10–15 kt 15–20 kt over the Gulf Stream Gusts to 25 kt	NE 10–15 kt	NE 10–15 kt	NE–E near 10 kt
Wednesday (21st October)	NE 10–15 kt 10–15 kt over the Gulf Stream	NE 10–15 kt	NE 10–15 kt	Light and variable
Thursday (22nd October)	NE 10–15 kt 15–20 kt over the Gulf Stream late	NE near 10 kt	NE near 10 kt	Light and variable

Sheltered = offshore waters in the lee of the islands and banks. Atlantic = Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream = waters west of Bimini and Grand Bahama.

The BDM will continue to monitor this system closely and will issue further statements as necessary. Any change in the position of the stalled front may alter the timing and coverage of showers and thunderstorms over the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

BDM urges residents to closely monitor all weather updates and forecasts broadcast on television and radio, as well as through its WhatsApp channel and Facebook page (Bahamas Meteorology). Additionally, the BDM offers a user-friendly, regularly updated website to ensure the most current information is easily accessible: <https://met.gov.bs>.

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