



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Friday, September 25, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

**Rip Currents:** There is a **high** risk of hazardous rip currents and rough surf over the Atlantic waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, while a **slight to moderate** risk exists along Atlantic beaches of the Central & Southeast Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers are strongly urged to refrain from entering Gulf stream and Atlantic exposed waters in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and should continue to exercise caution elsewhere.*

WARNINGS:

**Severe Thunderstorm Risk:** *There is a **slight to moderate** risk for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms across portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas today.* These storms could produce **strong gusty winds**, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity. **Therefore, the public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.**

Troughing ahead of a relatively weak cold front positioned across the Northwest Bahamas will support scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, mainly across the Central and portions of the Southeast Bahamas, through the forecast period. Elsewhere, a drier and more stable air mass will maintain generally settled conditions, although occasional showers may occur across portions of the northern islands. Meanwhile, a powerful Nor'easter off the Carolina coast is generating dangerous swells across the Gulfstream and Atlantic waters of the Northern & Northwest Bahamas. Winds will remain mainly moderate across the chain of islands with moderate to rough seas extending across the northern half of the country.

GENERAL SITUATION:

**Outlook:** The sluggish cold front is expected to stall near the Central Bahamas on Saturday, while its pre-frontal trough maintains cloudy conditions and elevated shower chances across the southern half of the country through the weekend. Meanwhile, the northern Bahamas can expect mostly pleasant and stable conditions, supported by a dry air mass aloft. The boundary is expected to weaken by late Monday before retreating northward as high pressure builds westward. By midweek, deep-layered troughing will interact with a tropical wave south of the area, resulting in increasing cloudiness across the island chain and elevated chances for showers and thunderstorms. Expect generally smooth to slight seas to persist along with gentle to moderate winds throughout the period.

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

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory. Small craft operators should not venture far from port.*  
**WINDS:** North-northwest to north-northeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.  
**LOCAL SEAS:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 6 – 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters in moderate to large north to northeasterly swell.  
**GULF STREAM:** Northerly at 15 – 20 knots with higher gusts; 7 – 10 foot seas.  
**SWELLS:** Moderate to large north to northeasterly swell.  
**WEATHER:** 10 – 30% chance of a few isolated showers.

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

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.*  
**WINDS:** West to northwest at 10 to 15 knots with slightly higher gusts.  
**LOCAL SEAS:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 5 – 8 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters in moderate north to northeasterly swell.  
**SWELLS:** Moderate north to northeasterly swell on Atlantic waters.  
**WEATHER:** 20 – 30% chance of isolated showers with a few isolated afternoon thunderstorms possible.



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

ADVISORY: *Small craft caution for Atlantic waters. Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*

WINDS: Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 4 – 6 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

SWELLS: Light to moderate northerly swell along Atlantic exposed waters.

WEATHER: 40 – 60% chance of scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*

WINDS: South-southwest to west-southwest at 10 to 15 knots, shifting west to northwest by nightfall.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 4 – 6 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

SWELLS: Light northerly swell on Atlantic exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20 – 30% chance of showers with possible isolated thunderstorms, increasing to a 30 – 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms by late evening.

MOONRISE: 6:24 PM      MOONSET: 5:52 A.M.

| ISLAND TIDES: | NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA): | NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE): | CENTRAL (EXUMA): | SOUTHEAST (INAGUA): |
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| HIGH TIDE:    | 7:32 A.M.                | 7:23 A.M.                   | 7:25 A.M.        | 7:39 A.M.           |
| LOW TIDE:     | 1:39 P.M.                | 1:23 P.M.                   | 1:30 P.M.        | 1:59 P.M.           |

(For specific times for other islands, please se.)

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Please see the latest news items on **Tropical Storm Fay** and newly formed **Tropical Storm Gonzalo**, located 1,065 miles west-southwest of the Azores and 140 miles east-southeast of the southernmost Cabo Verde Islands, respectively. **Neither of these systems poses a threat to the Bahamas.** Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026:

ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms. **Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters of the Northern & Northwest Bahamas.***

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** North-northwest to north-northeast at 10 knots or less.  
**Central and Southeast Bahamas:** Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots.

SEAS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 2 – feet nearshore, building up to 6 – 8 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building up to 5 – 6 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 10 - 30% chance of isolated showers.  
**Central Bahamas:** 40 – 60% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. ***Some showers may be heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times.***  
**Southeast Bahamas:** 30 - 40% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. ***Some showers may be heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times.***



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**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026:**

**ADVISORY:** *Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms. Small craft caution for Atlantic waters across ALL Areas.*

**WINDS:** **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Northwest to north at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.  
**Central Bahamas:** West to northwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.  
**Southeast Bahamas:** Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, becoming light and variable by the evening hours.

**SEAS:** **All Areas:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore and among sheltered areas, building 5 – 6 feet in Atlantic waters.

**WEATHER:** **Northern Bahamas:** 10 to 20% chance of showers.  
**Northwest Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers with a slight chance of a few isolated afternoon thunderstorms.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 30 – 40% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

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