



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

**MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Friday, April 3, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.**

<b>WARNINGS:</b>	<p>There is a <b>NEAR-GALE WARNING</b> in effect for the <i>Central</i> and <i>Southeast Bahamas</i> and will extend to include the <i>Northwest Bahamas</i> as of 8am this morning.</p> <p>Near-gale Winds: 28 knots – 33 knots</p> <p>Near-gale winds gusts are expected through Saturday</p> <p>Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.</p> <p><b>A Near Gale watch</b> remains in effect for the Northern Bahamas.</p> <p><b><i>There is a high risk of rip currents for all east-facing coastal waters of the island chain. Swimmers are advised not to enter these waters.</i></b></p>
<b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b>	<p>Low-level Atlantic moisture interacting with a broad high-pressure ridge will support isolated showers and fresh to strong breezes across the island chain today, with near gale-force gusts expected across most of the island chain today. At the same time, a mid- to upper-level disturbance moving eastward over Cuba will bring some periods of cloudiness, with increasing showers and some isolated thunderstorms across the Central and Southeast Bahamas later in the day as it progresses eastward.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> By Saturday, this disturbance will move over the area, bringing increased tropical moisture and a rise in shower and thunderstorm activity across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, along with parts of the Northwest Bahamas through Sunday. Conditions will begin to improve across the Northwest by Sunday, with some general clearing anticipated across the remainder of the islands by Monday as the system continues into the Atlantic and winds gradually ease as the pressure gradient slackens across the area.</p>

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b><i>Boaters should not venture into Atlantic exposed waters. A small craft caution</i></b> for all other areas.
<b>WINDS:</b>	East to southeast at 15 to 20knots with higher gusts.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters
<b>GULF STREAM:</b>	4 to 6 feet.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large easterly waves on Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 to 20% chance of a few isolated showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b><i>A near-gale warning</i></b> comes into effect this morning. Mariners should remain in port.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large easterly waves on Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 to 30% chance of a few isolated to scattered showers and a possible afternoon thunderstorm through this evening, decreasing to a 10 to 20% chance by tonight.



<b>CENTRAL BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <i>near-gale warning</i> is in effect. Mariners should remain in port. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to near gale.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 8 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large easterly waves on Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 to 20% chance of isolated showers this morning, increasing to 20 to 30% chance of scattered showers and a few isolated thunderstorms heading into late afternoon hours.

<b>SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <i>near-gale warning</i> is in effect. Mariners should remain in port. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northeast to East at 20 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to near gale.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 8 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large easterly waves on Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 to 20% chance of isolated showers this morning, increasing to 20 to 30% chance of scattered showers and a few isolated thunderstorms heading into late afternoon hours.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
07:37 AM	09:06 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	09:35 A.M.	09:26 A.M.	09:28 A.M.	09:42 A.M.
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	03:35 P.M.	03:33 P.M.	03:26 P.M.	03:55 P.M.

*(For specific times for other islands, please see [Tide Table Publication](#).)*

<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026.</b>	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <i>near-gale warning is in effect for all areas.</i> Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms
<b>WINDS:</b>	<i>All areas:</i> Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts to near gale force.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<i>Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:</i> 4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters. <i>Southeast Bahamas:</i> 4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<i>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</i> 20 to 40% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. <i>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</i> 40 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.



**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026.**

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters. Boaters should venture into Atlantic exposed waters</i> Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
<b>WINDS:</b>	<i>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</i> East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots across portions of the Northern Bahamas by the evening hours. <i>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</i> East to southeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale, decreasing 15 to 20 knots overnight.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<i>All areas:</i> 4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<i>Northern Bahamas:</i> 10 to 20% chance of showers. <i>Northwest Bahamas:</i> 20 to 30% chance of showers and an isolated thunderstorm <i>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</i> 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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