



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, May 15, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: *There remains a moderate risk of rip currents along Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain. Beachgoers and swimmers are urged to continue to exercise caution.*

Moisture lingering along a weakening frontal boundary, combined with favorable mid-to upper-level support, will maintain cloudy conditions and periods of showers and thunderstorms across the Central Bahamas and portions of the Northwest Bahamas today. Shower and thunderstorm activity is expected to gradually weaken through Saturday as the frontal boundary continues to dissipate and the upper-level disturbance shifts eastward.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: By late Saturday into early Sunday, the mid- to upper-level disturbance will move east of the island chain, where it is forecast to linger through midweek. Some weak surface troughing is expected as a result across the Central and Southeastern islands while moisture continues to stream across the area, supporting some periods of showers through Wednesday. Meanwhile, winds will strengthen to moderate to fresh across the island chain over the weekend through Tuesday, before easing by late Wednesday.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, increasing to 10 to 15 knots by the evening hours.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
GULF STREAM: Seas 1 to 3 feet.
SWELLS: No significant swells.
WEATHER: 20% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: Variable at less than 10 knots, becoming east-northeast to east-southeast at 10 knots or less with higher gusts across Eleuthera, settling east to southeast at 10 to 15 knots by the evening hours.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore and in offshore waters, sheltered and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: No significant swells.
WEATHER: 30 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to 20% by the evening hours.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms*
WINDS: Southerly at less than 10 knots, becoming light and variable during the afternoon hours and northeast to east at 10 knots or less by the evening hours.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less nearshore in offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: No significant swells.
WEATHER: 30 to 50% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms, decreasing to 20 to 30% tonight.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *Small craft caution in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.*
WINDS: Southeasterly at less than 10 knots, becoming northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20 to 30% chance of showers.

**MOONRISE:**

05:06 AM

MOONSET:

06:48 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	07:05 A.M.	06:56 A.M.	06:58 A.M.	07:12 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	01:07 P.M.	01:05 P.M.	12:58 P.M.	01:27 P.M.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026.

ADVISORY:	Southeast Bahamas: Small craft caution in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: None.
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by the afternoon hours Northwest and Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots.
SEAS:	Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, and offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters by Saturday night across the Northern Bahamas, 2 to 4 feet elsewhere Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet, building to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Saturday night. Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 3 feet.
WEATHER:	Northern Bahamas: 20% chance of showers with a possible afternoon thunderstorm. Elsewhere: 20 to 40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026.

ADVISORY:	Southeast Bahamas: Small craft caution in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: None
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots overnight. Central and Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots with occasional higher gusts by the afternoon across the Central Bahamas. Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore waters, and offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SEAS:	Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 3 feet.
WEATHER:	Northern Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of showers Northwest Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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