



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Monday, August 17, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate to high** risk of rip currents for the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while a **slight to moderate** risk exists over the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers, particularly those in the Central and Southeast Bahamas, are strongly advised to refrain from entering waters along eastern and southern shorelines and Atlantic exposed beaches at this time*

A Dust Advisory remains in effect for the entire Bahamas, as well as the Turks & Caicos Islands through tomorrow. The level of dust is expected to reach moderate levels which may impact air quality and hinder visibility at times. Residents, especially those with respiratory illnesses, should take precautions to safeguard their health.

A Heat Advisory remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Residents and visitors should take the necessary precautions while outdoors during peak sunshine hours (10 am – 4 pm) and to safeguard their health as heat indices ranging from **102°F to 116°F** are anticipated.

GENERAL SITUATION:

High pressure ridging will continue to support generally dry, stable, and warm conditions across most of the island chain today, while Saharan dust lingering across the area will maintain hazy skies while further limiting shower development. A weak pressure gradient across the country will keep breezes light to gentle across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and gentle to moderate across the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

Outlook: Shower chances will begin to increase across portions of the Northern Bahamas on Tuesday as weak troughing develops nearby and moisture begins to stream across the area from the Gulf. Meanwhile, ridging and lingering Saharan dust will maintain generally stable conditions across the remainder of the island chain. By Wednesday, troughing is forecast to dig farther south, increasing shower chances across portions of the Northwest Bahamas.

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

ADVISORY: None
WINDS: Southwest to west at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable by the evening hours
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less across in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters
GULF STREAM: Insert text data here, in this format.
SWELLS: Slight east to southeasterly swells in Atlantic exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers this morning, increasing to 10 to 20% this afternoon.

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

ADVISORY: None
WINDS: Southeast to south at less than 10 knots, becoming light and variable this afternoon.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less across in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters
SWELLS: Slight east to southeasterly swells in Atlantic exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.



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

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters
SWELLS: Slight east to southeasterly swells in Atlantic exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in near shore and open waters, 3 to 5 feet and up to 6 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

MOONRISE: 11:26 A.M. **MOONSET:** 10:45 P.M.

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	05:49 A.M.	05:47 A.M.	05:40 A.M.	06:09 A.M.
HIGH TIDE:	12:12 P.M.	12:03 P.M.	12:05 P.M.	12:19 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: *Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 7 days.*

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable.
Central Bahamas: Variable at less than 10 knots
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming variable at 10 knots or less by the afternoon hours.
SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet across all areas.
Elsewhere: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 20% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** South to southwest at 10 knots or less
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable by the afternoon hours
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours.
SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet across all areas.
Elsewhere: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.





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