



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Monday, April 20, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EST.

WARNINGS:	<p><i>A Gale Watch (34 – 40 knots) remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.</i></p> <p>UV Index: Due to UV indices anticipated to be in the very high to extreme range across <i>Northwest through Southeast Bahamas, residents and visitors are urged to wear sunglasses, protective garments including wide brimmed hats and sunscreen during peak daytime hours between 11 am – 3pm tomorrow.</i></p> <p>Rip Currents: A moderate risk of rip currents exists along all Atlantic-exposed beaches and shorelines. Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering these waters today. The risk of rip current will become high this evening beginning in the early evening as winds behind the front become fresh to strong. Beach goers and swimmers should refrain from entering the waters.</p>
GENERAL SITUATION:	<p>The high pressure with its gentle to moderate winds is weakening across the Bahamas due to the arrival of a late season cold front that is currently in the Northern Islands. Shower activity is ahead of the front in the Central and Southeastern Islands along the pre-frontal trough and in the Northern Islands along the front with fresh to strong gusty winds and rough seas following behind.</p> <p>Outlook: This front will bring about high seas, rough surf, choppy waters and dangerous to life-threatening rip currents beginning tonight through to Thursday. All pleasure craft operators, beachgoers and swimmers are urged to remain onshore during this time. An expansive area of high pressure will nestle itself across the island chain by late Tuesday, keeping temperatures comfortable for the duration of the work week as the front exits the area. Expect sea and coastal conditions to improve by the weekend.</p>

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	There is a Gale Warning in effect. Near-gale winds are expected Monday night. Small craft should seek safe harbour.
WINDS:	Northeast at 10 to 15 knots increasing 20 to 25 knots tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet building 4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet occasionally 11 feet on the Atlantic waters, The Northwest and Northeast Providence Channels Monday evening.
GULF STREAM:	Winds – Northeast at 10 to 15 knots increasing 20 to 25 knots in the afternoon, becoming 25 to 30 knots at night. Sea – 2 to 3 feet building 4 to 6 feet, occasionally 8 feet, building 8 to 11 feet occasionally 14 feet at night.
SWELLS:	Light sea swells this morning increasing moderate to large tonight.
WEATHER:	30 to 50% chance of showers and a possible thunderstorm.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	There is a Gale Warning in effect. Near-gale winds are expected Monday night. Small craft should seek safe harbour.
WINDS:	Light and variable this morning, becoming northeast at 10 to 15 knots this afternoon, increasing 20 to 25 knots tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet building 4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet occasionally 11 feet on the Atlantic waters, The Northeast Providence Channels and The Great Bahama Bank Monday evening.
SWELLS:	Light sea swells this morning increasing moderate to large tonight.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of a morning or afternoon shower, increasing 30 to 50% this evening.



CENTRAL BAHAMAS (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft advisory is in effect, small craft operators should not venture far from the port.
WINDS:	Light and variable today, increasing 10 to 15 knots in the late afternoon and 15 to 20 knots over-night.
LOCAL SEAS:	1 to 3 feet on the sheltered waters and 2 to 4 feet on the Atlantic waters and The Exuma Sound.
SWELLS:	Light northeasterly swells becoming moderate to large over-night.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers, increasing 30 to 50% in the vicinity of the trough.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft should expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers.
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 knots or less, becoming northeast at 10 knots or less this evening
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters and Passages including the Windward Passage.
SWELLS:	Light easterly swells
WEATHER:	40 to 60% chance of widely scattered showers in the vicinity of the trough, 10 to 20% chance of isolated showers elsewhere.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
9:02 A.M.	11:33 P.M.

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:05 A.M.	10:41 A.M.	11:36 A.M.	10:57 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	5:17 P.M.	4:47 P.M.	5:36 P.M.	5:09 P.M.
HIGH TIDE:	11:39 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	12:01 A.M. WED	11:31 PM

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



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2026.

ADVISORY:	There is a Gale Warning in effect for the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas. There is a near-gale force warning in effect for the Southeast Bahamas.
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force. Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts, increasing 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force by mid-afternoon. Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours. Gulf Stream: Northeast at 20 to 25 gusting to 30 knots.
SEAS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 6 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and the waters of the Great Bahama Bank, The Northwest and Northeast Providence Channels and 7 to 11 feet occasionally 15 feet on the Atlantic waters Central Bahamas 4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and the Tongue of the Ocean, and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters building 5 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and waters in the Exuma Sound and 7 to 10 feet occasionally 14 feet on the Atlantic waters . Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and Passages and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters building 3 to 5 feet on the sheltered waters and Passages and 4 to 6 feet on the Atlantic waters.. Gulf Stream: 7 to 10 feet occasionally 13 feet.
SWELLS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Large northeasterly swells. Central Bahamas: Moderate to large northeasterly swells. Southeast Bahamas: Light to moderate easterly swells
WEATHER:	Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: 30 – 50% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms in the vicinity of the front. 10 – 30% chance of showers elsewhere. Southeast Bahamas: 10 – 30% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL 2026.

ADVISORY:	There is a Gale Warning in effect for all areas. The near-gale warning will discontinue at noon for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with gusts to near gale. Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force, decreasing 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale by the afternoon hours. Gulf Stream: Easterly at 15 to 20 knots.
SEAS:	All Areas: 5 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet occasionally 12 feet on the Atlantic waters. Gulf Stream: 4 to 6 feet occasionally 8 feet.
SWELLS:	All Areas: Moderate to large northeasterly swells.
WEATHER:	Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: 10 – 30% chance of showers Southeast Bahamas: 20 – 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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