



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

*A **Severe Weather Watch** remains in effect for the Central and Southeast Bahamas, as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands.* Therefore, the public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather watches or warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.

Rip Currents: There is a *slight* risk of rip currents impacting the eastern and southern shorelines of the Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution.*

WARNINGS:

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is also a *moderate* risk for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms across *portions of the Northern & Northwest Bahamas today.* These storms could produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity.

An upper-level low situated near Central Florida continues to transport abundant tropical moisture across the Bahamas, contributing to an unstable weather pattern. Meanwhile, surface troughing across the Central and Southeast Bahamas will enhance shower and thunderstorm activity over these areas today through tonight. Additionally, a weak pressure pattern will maintain mostly light to gentle breezes, with smooth to slight seas prevailing throughout the forecast period.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: As the week transitions into the first days of Fall, the low will remain mostly stationary near Florida, allowing additional moisture to stream northward from the Caribbean sea. This setup is expected to continue to maintain cloudy conditions and elevated shower and thunderstorm chances across the Bahamas through to mid-week, as the low gradually weakens and lifts northwards. A cold front is anticipated to enter the Northern Bahamas by Thursday. This front will gradually shift southward before stalling near the Central Bahamas by next weekend, ushering in a drier, more stable weather pattern across the northern territories. . 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: *Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*
- WINDS: Variable less than 10 knots.
- LOCAL SEAS: 1 – 3 feet.
- GULF STREAM: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times; 2 – 4 foot seas.
- SWELLS: No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER: 30 - 40% chance of isolated to widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

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

- ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.*
- WINDS: Variable less than 10 knots.
- LOCAL SEAS: 1 - 3 feet.
- SWELLS: No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER: 30 - 40% chance of isolated to widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.



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

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

WINDS: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.

SWELLS: No significant swell activity.

WEATHER: 40 - 50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. *Some showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times.*

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

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

WINDS: East to southeast at 10 - 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.

SWELLS: Light easterly swell on Atlantic exposed waters.

WEATHER: 40 - 50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. *Some showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times.*

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
3:28 PM	2:07 A.M. MON

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	4:04 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	3:57 P.M.	4:11 P.M.
LOW TIDE:	9:23 A.M.	9:21 A.M.	9:14 A.M.	9:43 A.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:	Please see the latest news item on newly formed Tropical Storm Fay . Elsewhere, the tropics remain quiet, and no new tropical cyclones are anticipated to form during the next seven days.
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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026:

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

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

SEAS: **All Areas:** 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.

WEATHER: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 40 - 50% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20 – 30% chance of a few isolated showers or thunderstorms.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2026:

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

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** South to southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

SEAS: **All Areas:** 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.

WEATHER: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 30 - 40% chance of widely scattered showers or isolated thunderstorms.
Central Bahamas: 20 – 30% chance of a few isolated showers or thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 10 – 20% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.

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