



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. EST, Sunday, February 22, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EST.

WARNINGS:	<p><i>A Near Gale Watch (28-33 knots) is in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas beginning tonight into Monday morning as winds are expected to gust to near gale force across the above mentioned areas. Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port.</i></p> <p>Rip Currents: There is a moderate risk of rip currents along Atlantic exposed shorelines due to persistent moderate northeasterly swells. Beachgoers and swimmers are urged to exercise caution.</p> <p>Fog: Patchy areas of dense fog are possible early this morning across portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas especially in and near coastal and marshy areas. The public is advised to exercise caution while traversing roadways in these mentioned areas.</p>
GENERAL SITUATION:	<p>A ridge of high pressure over the Bahamas will gradually shift eastwards further into the Atlantic while keeping mainly stable and warm conditions in place around the islands today.</p> <p>Outlook: A strong cold front will push through the Florida peninsula and move into the Northern Bahamas with a line of showers along and ahead of its boundary this evening/tonight. Strong high pressure will quickly build behind the front bringing strong and gusty winds with winds gusts to near gale force, mainly across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and a cooler airmass to the island chain. The front is expected to weaken as it moves into the Southeast Bahamas by late Monday evening. By midweek, high pressure will shift east into the Atlantic allowing winds to relax some while mild and dry conditions prevail.</p>

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

ADVISORY:	<i>A small craft Advisory is in effect. Small Craft operators should remain in port beginning this afternoon.</i>
WINDS:	Southwesterly at 10 to 15 knots this morning increasing to 15 to 20 knots this afternoon and becoming West to Northwest increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force tonight after frontal passage.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet this morning building 4 to 6 this afternoon and 7 to 10 feet tonight.
GULF STREAM:	2 to 4 feet building 6 to 9 feet tonight.
SWELLS:	Moderate Northwesterly swells in the Gulf stream beginning this afternoon through tonight.
WEATHER:	Chance of a few showers as the front moves into the area this evening.

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

ADVISORY:	<i>A small craft Advisory is in effect. Small Craft operators should remain in port beginning this afternoon.</i>
WINDS:	Southwesterly at 10 to 15 knots this morning increasing to 15 to 20 knots this afternoon and becoming West to Northwest increasing to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force tonight after frontal passage.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet this morning building 4 to 6 this afternoon and 7 to 10 feet tonight.
SWELLS:	Moderate Northwesterly swells in the Gulf stream beginning this afternoon through tonight.
WEATHER:	Chance of a few showers as the front moves into the area tonight.

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

ADVISORY:	<i>None.</i>
WINDS:	Southeast to South at 10 knots today veering South to Southwest at 10 to 15 knots tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet.
SWELLS:	Light Easterly swells in Atlantic Waters.
WEATHER:	Slight chance of a spotty shower or two.



SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	<i>None.</i>
WINDS:	Southeast to South at 10 knots today veering South to Southwest at 10 to 15 knots tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet.
SWELLS:	Light Easterly swells in Atlantic Waters.
WEATHER:	Slight chance of a spotty shower or two.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
9:43 A.M.	11:32 P.M.

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:10 A.M.	11:01 A.M.	11:03 A.M.	11:17 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	5:00 P.M.	5:16 P.M.	5:09 P.M.	5:38 P.M.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR Monday 23 rd February 2026	
ADVISORY:	<i>A Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning likely for ALL area waters of the island chain. Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port.</i>
WINDS:	Northwest to North at 20 to 25 knots, gusting strong to near gale force likely across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Northwest to North at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts to near gale force likely across the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
SEAS:	<i>Northern & Northwest Bahamas:</i> 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. <i>Central & Southeast Bahamas:</i> 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. <i>Gulf Stream:</i> Seas 9 to 12 feet, occasionally to 15 feet; seas 8 to 10 feet, occasionally to 13 feet Monday night.
WEATHER:	Scattered showers mainly in the vicinity of the front and isolated elsewhere.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR Tuesday 24 th February 2026	
ADVISORY:	<i>A Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning possible with a near gale watch coming into effect Tuesday late morning or midday for all areas. Small craft operators are strongly urged to remain in port.</i>
WINDS:	Northwest to North at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely across The Bahamas but decreasing to 15 knots from the North during the afternoon hours in the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas. Winds in the Southeast Bahamas will veer North to Northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by Tuesday evening.
SEAS:	<i>Northern & Northwest Bahamas:</i> 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet, subsiding to 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Tuesday night. <i>Central & Southeast Bahamas:</i> 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. <i>Gulf Stream:</i> Seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet, subsiding to 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet Tuesday afternoon; seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet Tuesday night.
WEATHER:	Scattered showers mainly in the vicinity of the front and isolated elsewhere.

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