



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, Sunday, May 3, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

Near Gale Watch (28-33 knots) is in effect for Northern Bahamas (mainly Grand Bahama and Northern Abaco). Near gale wind gusts are possible across the watch area this morning through Monday.

WARNINGS:

Severe Weather Activity: There is a **moderate to high** risk for severe weather conditions over portions of the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas** this morning through tonight. **The public is advised to monitor for the issuance of and severe weather watches or warnings by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.**

As a frontal boundary enters the Northern Bahamas, elevated shower and thunderstorm activity is expected across the area from this morning through tonight. Pre-frontal troughing associated with the boundary will also begin to trigger some showers and thunderstorms across portions of the Northwest Bahamas by the afternoon hours, as the boundary drifts southeastward and briefly stalls across the Northwestern Bahamas overnight through Monday morning.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Unsettled conditions will linger across the Northern and Central islands through Tuesday as the frontal boundary gradually weakens while slowly drifting southward, reaching the Southeastern Bahamas by Tuesday evening and exiting the area on Wednesday. However, lingering moisture may continue to support a few isolated showers into early Thursday. A brief return to more stable conditions is expected by late Thursday as high pressure ridging builds across the area, before another weak frontal boundary is forecasted to enter the Northern Bahamas late Friday into early Saturday.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

Near-gale watch is in effect, expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

Southwest to west at 10 knots or less ahead of the front, and northwest to north 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, becoming north to northeast at 15 to 20 knots by the late afternoon to evening hours, with winds 10 knots or less across portions of southern Abaco.

LOCAL SEAS:

3 feet or less in sheltered nearshore and offshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters, building to 5 to 7 feet by this evening mainly along northern and northeastern Atlantic exposed coastlines.

GULF STREAM:

2 to 4 feet, increasing to 5 to 7 feet by this evening

SWELLS:

Light northeasterly swells.

WEATHER:

30 to 50% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms during the morning hours, increasing to 50 to 70% of widespread showers and thunderstorms by the afternoon hours.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms

WINDS:

Southwest to west at 10 knots or less during the morning hours, becoming variable at less than 10 knots by the afternoon hours.

LOCAL SEAS:

3 feet or less in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed water

SWELLS:

Light northeasterly swells

WEATHER:

20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms this morning, increasing to a 30 to 50% by the afternoon hours..

**CENTRAL BAHAMAS**

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

ADVISORY: *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms*

WINDS: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less this morning, becoming light and variable by the afternoon hours

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed water

SWELLS: Light northeasterly swells

WEATHER: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None*

WINDS: Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots this morning, becoming variable at less than 10 knots by the afternoon hours and northeast to east 10 knots or less by the evening hours.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed water

SWELLS: Light northeasterly swells

WEATHER: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

MOONSET:

07:29 AM

MOONRISE:

09:45 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	09:44 A.M.	09:35 A.M.	09:37 A.M.	09:51 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	03:38 P.M.	03:36 P.M.	03:29 P.M.	03:58 P.M.

*(For specific times for other islands, please see [Tide Table Publication](#).)***EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 4TH MAY, 2026:**

ADVISORY: *Near gale remains in effect for Northern Bahamas, expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS:
Northern Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near-gale force through the afternoon hours, becoming northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours.
Northwest Bahamas: Variable at less than 10 knots during the morning hours, becoming north to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by the afternoon hours and northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Southeasterly at 10 knots or less during the morning hours, becoming northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots by the evening hours, falling light and variable across portions of the Southeast Bahamas.

SEAS:
North Bahamas – Sheltered area – less than 2 feet; open waters – 1 to 3 feet; Gulf Stream and the Atlantic exposed waters – 5 to 7 feet
Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered area & open waters – less than 2 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 3 to 5 feet
Remaining islands – All areas – less than 2 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 2 to 4 feet

WEATHER:
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of scattered showers with thunderstorms, decreasing 20 to 30% by the afternoon hours mainly across the Northern Bahamas and by the evening hours for the Northwest Bahamas.
Central Bahamas: 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms
Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of showers



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 5TH MAY, 2026:

- ADVISORY:** *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, with occasional higher gusts
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 knots or less
- SEAS:** **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 1 to 3 feet in sheltered nearshore and offshore waters and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less in sheltered offshore and nearshore waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** **Northern and Southeast Bahamas:** 10 to 30% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms.
Northwest and Central Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to a 10 to 30% by the evening hours

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