



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Sunday, August 16th 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

Heat Advisory: Heat advisory remains in effect for the entire Bahamas. Residents and visitors should take the necessary precautions while outdoors during peak sunshine hours (11 am – 4 pm) and to safeguard their health as heat indices ranging from 100°F to 108°F are anticipated.

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

WARNINGS:

Near Gale Warning: A near gale warning (winds 28 - 33 knots) remains in effect for the Southeast Bahamas until 6pm.

Rip Currents: There is a **high** risk of rip currents for the Central and Southeast Bahamas while a **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.*

High pressure ridging and Saharan Dust will continue to dominate the region promoting quiet weather conditions today through tonight. Fresh to strong breezes with moderate to occasionally rough seas prevail across the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while gentle to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas continue across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Favorable marine conditions will spread into the southern half of the country as high pressure becomes centered over the Bahamas, contributing to light to gentle breezes and smooth to slight seas. Shower chances will also remain very low due to the presence of Saharan dust. By midweek, shower chances increase over the northern islands due to weak troughing and a slight uptick in moisture moving in from the north.

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

- ADVISORY:** None.
- WINDS:** Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, becoming light and variable by the afternoon hours.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.
- GULF STREAM:** 3 – 4 feet; southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots.
- SWELLS:** No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER:** 10 - 20% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

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

- ADVISORY:** None.
- WINDS:** East-northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.
- SWELLS:** No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER:** 10% chance of showers.



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

ADVISORY: Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.
WINDS: Easterly at 15 – 20 knots with slightly higher gusts at times, shifting east-northeasterly by tonight.
LOCAL SEAS: 4 – 6 feet over open waters.
SWELLS: Light to moderate east to southeasterly swell on Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY: **Near Gale Warning.** Small craft operators are strongly advised to remain in port.
WINDS: Easterly at 15 – 25 knots with **gusts to near gale force possible** through the early afternoon hours, shifting northeast to east by this evening while decreasing to 15 – 20 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 4 – 6 feet nearshore, building 7 – 8 feet in Atlantic and offshore waters.
SWELLS: Moderate easterly swell on Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
10:29 AM	10:11 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:24 A.M.	11:15 AM	11:17 AM	11:31 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	5:33 P.M.	5:31 PM	5:24 P.M.	6:03 P.M.
(For specific times for other islands, please see Tide Table Publication.)				

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven (7) days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: Small craft caution for the Southeast Bahamas.
WINDS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Elsewhere: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts in the Southeast Bahamas.
SEAS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore building up to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
Central Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore building up to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building up to 5 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: All Areas: 10 - 20% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY: None.
WINDS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable across the Central Bahamas by the afternoon hours.
SEAS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore building up to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less nearshore building up to 4 feet in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: All Areas: 10 - 20% chance of showers.



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