



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, Thursday, August 20, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

A **Heat Advisory** remains in effect for the entire Bahamas, as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands. Expect heat indices to climb as high as 118°F across the Northern Bahamas, and reach up to 108°F across the remainder of the area. Residents and visitors are urged to remain hydrated, seek shaded areas and wear cool, loose-fitting clothing during peak sunshine hours (11 am – 4 pm).

WARNINGS:

UV Index: Members of the public are advised to wear protective clothing and sunscreen and seek shaded areas while outside during peak sunshine hours (11am – 4pm), as UV indices are expected to be in the **very high** to **extreme** range.

Mid to upper level troughing along with tropical moisture associated with a westward drifting tropical wave are generating unsettled weather across portions of the Bahamas today. A weak high pressure system over the islands is maintaining gentle to moderate winds and smooth to slight seas throughout the archipelago.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Moisture associated with the wave will spread into the Central and portions of the Northwest Bahamas on Friday, while another plume of Saharan dust moves into the southern islands in its wake. Consequently, much-improved conditions are expected across the southern half of the country heading into the weekend as drier air filters in and high pressure builds. Meanwhile, unsettled weather may persist across portions of the northern half of the country over the weekend as a mid- to upper-level trough north of the area digs farther south, potentially enhancing shower and thunderstorm activity across the Northern islands.

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

ADVISORY:	Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS:	Southerly at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	Less than 3 feet throughout the area.
GULF STREAM:	Winds: Southwest at 5 knots, becoming South at 5 to 10 knots in the afternoon. Seas: 2 feet or less, Intracoastal waters: A light chop.
SWELLS:	No significant swell.
WEATHER:	20 to 40% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY:	Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS:	Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	Less than 3 feet throughout the area.
SWELLS:	No significant swell.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY:	Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 knots or less increasing 10 to 15 knots later today.
LOCAL SEAS:	Less than 2 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 2 to 4 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
SWELLS:	No significant swell.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.



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

ADVISORY: Small craft caution comes into effect this evening.
WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 knots this evening.
LOCAL SEAS: Less than 3 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 3 to 5 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells south of Inagua.
WEATHER: 10 to 20% chance of isolated showers today increasing 10 to 30% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms this evening

MOONRISE: 2:14 PM
MOONSET: 12:45 AM FRI
MOON PHASE
First Quarter
Full moon August 28th, @ 12:18 AM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	8:37 AM	8:07 AM	8:56 AM	8:29 AM
HIGH TIDE:	3:05 PM	2:41 PM	3:36 PM	2:57 PM
LOW TIDE:	9:42 PM	9:12 PM	10:01 PM	9:34 PM

(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 FRIDAY 21ST, AUGUST 2026.

ADVISORY: Southeast Bahamas: Small craft should exercise caution.
Elsewhere: Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: South-southeast to south-southwest at 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, gusty at times.
Gulf Stream: South at 5 to 10 knots.

SEAS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Less than 3 feet throughout the area.
Central Bahamas: Less than 2 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 2 to 4 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 4 to 6 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
Gulf Stream: 2 feet or less, Intracoastal waters: A light chop.

SWELLS: Southeast Bahamas: Slight Easterly swells along Atlantic exposures and south of Inagua.
Elsewhere: No significant swells.

WEATHER: Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 20% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms. Expect an **increase** of 40 to 60% chance *mainly across Andros and the Great Bahama Bank* by afternoon hours into nightfall.



BAHMET 23/7A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 22ND, AUGUST 2026.

ADVISORY: **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution.
Elsewhere: Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 knots with gusty periods.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts.
Gulf Stream: South at 5 to 10 knots

SEAS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Less than 3 feet throughout the area.
Central Bahamas: Less than 2 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 2 to 4 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 near shore, sheltered areas and the Exuma Sound, 4 to 6 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures.
Gulf Stream: 2 feet or less, Intracoastal waters: A light chop.

SWELLS: **Southeast Bahamas:** Slight Easterly swells along Atlantic exposures and south of Inagua.
Elsewhere: No significant swells.

WEATHER: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 30 - 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 10 - 20% chance of isolated showers.

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