



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Thursday, October 22, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

*A **Special Weather Statement Update** was issued at 6pm Wednesday 21st. Please visit our webpage met.gov.bs to view the updated statement, our public forecast and other weather products.*

WARNINGS:

Large swells will persist on the waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas, as well as the Atlantic waters in the Southeast Bahamas through Saturday. Mariners, especially small craft operators, are advised to remain in port until marine conditions improve. Swimmers are advised to remain on shore until further notice.

Rip Currents: There is a *moderate* to *high* risk of dangerous rip currents across ALL waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A *slight* to *moderate* risk exists elsewhere. *Beachgoers in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas should continue to exercise extreme caution and should refrain from entering the waters.*

A residual trough over the Southeast Bahamas will produce a few isolated showers in that area. Meanwhile, low-level troughing and moisture streaming into the region will generate scattered showers and thunderstorms across parts of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Elsewhere, gentle to moderate breezes and generally dry, stable conditions will prevail.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: Hazardous marine conditions are expected to persist through the end of the week and into the weekend as large swells generated by Subtropical Storm Josephine, located off the mid-Atlantic coast of the United States, move into the area. On Friday, troughing along with a moist, unstable airmass moving in from the Caribbean Sea will bring widespread showers and thunderstorms to the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Unsettled weather is expected to spread across the island chain over the weekend as a low-pressure system develops near the western Bahamas. Combined with deep-layered troughing and a strong pressure gradient, this system will bring cloudy skies, widespread showers and thunderstorms beginning Saturday. By Sunday, the system is expected to produce gale-force winds and dangerous, potentially life-threatening waves, creating hazardous conditions for boaters and beachgoers. Large swells will spread into the remaining areas next week as the low-pressure system moves northeastward into the open Atlantic.

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

ADVISORY: Small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic waters and the Gulf Stream.
WINDS: Northeast at 10 to 15 knots increasing 15 to 20 knots evening
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and open waters and 5 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters
GULF STREAM: 5 to 7 feet
SWELLS: Large northerly swells in Atlantic waters
WEATHER: 10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms

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

ADVISORY: Small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic waters, a small craft caution in effect for open waters.
WINDS: North to northeast at 10 knots or less
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less feet in nearshore and open waters, 4 to 6 feet in the Northeast Providence Channel, 5 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters
SWELLS: Large northerly swells in Atlantic waters
WEATHER: 10 to 30% chance of showers with the chance of isolated thunderstorms



CENTRAL BAHAMAS (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic waters, a small craft caution in effect for open waters.
WINDS:	Northeast at 10 knots or less
LOCAL SEAS:	3 feet or less in nearshore and sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in open waters, 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters
SWELLS:	Large northerly swells in Atlantic waters
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of showers with thunderstorms

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft advisory in effect for Atlantic waters, a small craft caution in effect for open waters.
WINDS:	Light and variable at less than 10 knots
LOCAL SEAS:	3 feet or less in nearshore and sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in open waters, 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters
SWELLS:	Large northerly swells in Atlantic waters
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
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ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	11:35 A.M.	11:33 A.M.	11:26 A.M.	11:55 A.M.
HIGH TIDE:	05:46 P.M.	05:37 P.M.	05:39 P.M.	05:53 P.M.
(For specific times for other islands, please see Tide Table Publication .)				

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:	There are two (2) areas currently being monitored for development:
	<i>See latest News Item on Subtropical storm Josephine</i>
	Subtropical Central Atlantic: A trough of low pressure located several hundred miles east-southeast of Bermuda is producing a large area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Formation chance through 7 days is low at 10 percent

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 23 RD OCTOBER, 2026:	
ADVISORY:	Small crafts are advised to remain in port
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 knots with higher gusts.
	Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 knots or less
	Southeast Bahamas: East at 10 knots or less shifting northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by nightfall.
SEAS:	All areas: 3 feet or less in nearshores sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in open waters, 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters.
WEATHER:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms.
	Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms during the morning hours increasing to 40 to 50% by late afternoon through evening hours.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2026:

ADVISORY: Small crafts are advised to remain in port
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: **Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots**

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: Southwest at 10 to 15 knots

SEAS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet in nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet in open waters, 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters and the Gulf Stream.
Elsewhere: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and open waters, 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 40 to 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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