



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

Rip Currents: There is a **slight** risk of rip currents impacting the eastern and southern shorelines of the Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution.*

Waterspout Risk: Mariners are urged to remain vigilant for possible funnel cloud formation and/or waterspout activity, particularly across the Northern & Northwest Bahamas.

WARNINGS:

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is a **slight to moderate** risk for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms **across** portions of the **Northern and Southeast Bahamas** during the afternoon hours. These storms could produce **strong gusty winds**, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and **waterspout activity**. **Therefore, the public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.**

GENERAL SITUATION:

The Bahamas remains under the influence of a high-pressure surface ridge, which is producing gentle to moderate breezes and mainly slight to moderate seas across the archipelago. Meanwhile, a broad mid-level disturbance, associated with a well-defined upper-level low centered near Hispaniola, is helping to transport low-level moisture across the area, resulting in localized shower and thunderstorm activity. Additionally, troughing ahead of an approaching frontal boundary north of the region is expected to introduce increased shower and thunderstorm activity across the northern islands by this afternoon.

Outlook: On Wednesday, elements of the frontal boundary near the Northern Bahamas will merge with the upper-level disturbance, allowing shower and thunderstorm activity to become more widespread across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas through Thursday as the new system moves westwards into the Gulf of Mexico. Meanwhile, a robust tropical wave will introduce additional moisture across the region by late Wednesday/early Thursday, helping to maintain a wet, cloudy and occasionally unsettled weather across the island chain through to early next week.

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

- ADVISORY:** Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore, building up to 4 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
- GULF STREAM:** Northeast to east at 10 – 15 knots, increasing to 15 – 20 knots with higher gusts by tonight; 2 – 4 foot seas, gradually building throughout the afternoon then becoming 4 – 6 feet by tonight.
- SWELLS:** No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER:** 10 – 30% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms this morning, increasing to a 30 – 50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms by the late afternoon/evening hours.

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

- ADVISORY:** Expect gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore, building up to 4 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
- SWELLS:** No significant swell activity.
- WEATHER:** 10 – 30% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms this morning, increasing to a 20 – 40% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms by the afternoon.



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

ADVISORY: None.
WINDS: East-northeast to east at 10 – 15 knots with higher gusts this evening.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.
SWELLS: No significant swell activity.
WEATHER: 10 – 30 % chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: Small craft caution for Atlantic exposed waters.
WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 – 4 feet nearshore and among sheltered areas, building up to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swell on Atlantic exposed waters.
WEATHER: 20 – 30 % chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.

MOONRISE: 11:06 AM MOONSET: 9:56 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:34 A.M.	11:25 A.M.	11:27 A.M.	11:41 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	5:51 P.M.	5:49 P.M.	5:42 P.M.	6:11 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Central Subtropical Atlantic: A trough of low pressure located well east-southeast of Bermuda has a low, or near zero percent chance of development within the next 48 hours. Probability values will increase to a medium, or 40 percent chance of tropical cyclone formation over the next seven days. A tropical depression could form late this week, as the system slowly moves west-northwestwards.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

ADVISORY: Small craft advisory for the Gulfstream waters near Northern Bahamas.
Small craft caution for the Atlantic exposed waters of the Northern Bahamas.

WINDS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 – 15 knots with higher gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 – 15 knots with higher gusts.

SEAS: Northern & Southeast Bahamas: 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 5 – 6 feet along northern coastal waters by nightfall across the Northern Bahamas.
Elsewhere: 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.

WEATHER: All Areas: 30 – 40% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

ADVISORY: *Small craft caution for the Atlantic waters and gulfstream waters near the Southern & Northern Bahamas, respectively.*

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** East-northeast to east-southeast at 10 – 15 knots.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 knots.

SEAS: **Northern Bahamas:** 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 5 – 7 feet along northern coastal waters in light to moderate northeasterly swell.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: 2 – 4 feet over the ocean.
Southeast Bahamas: 3 – 5 feet over the ocean.

WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 40 – 60% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Northwest Bahamas: 30 – 50% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 20 – 30% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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