



## 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, Tuesday, March 17, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

<p><b>WARNINGS:</b></p>	<p><i>A <b>Near Gale Watch</b> remains in effect for the Northern Bahamas.</i></p> <p><b>Thunderstorm Activity/ Severe Weather Potential:</b> There is a <b>moderate risk</b> of severe <b>thunderstorm activity</b> through Tuesday. Thunderstorms may bring locally gusty winds and periods of heavy showers across portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. The public is urged to keep updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.</p> <p><b>Rip Currents:</b> There is a <b>moderate</b> to <b>high risk</b> of rip currents along eastern and southern beaches of the Southeast Bahamas, as well as all Atlantic shorelines. <i><b>Beachgoers in these areas are urged not to enter into these waters.</b></i></p>
<p><b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b></p>	<p>A strong late-season cold front, supported by a potent mid- to upper-level trough, will bring scattered showers and thunderstorms across the northern Bahamas initially. These conditions will gradually spread into the Central and parts of the Southeast Bahamas later today and into tonight. Expect moderate to locally strong breezes and generally slight to moderate seas nearshore and rough seas in Atlantic waters.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> The cold front is anticipated to stall across the Central Islands on Wednesday, keeping weather conditions largely unsettled across the majority of the country. Additionally, a low pressure system may develop along the frontal boundary by the latter part of the work week, bringing periods of heavy rainfall and the potential for localized flooding through early Friday. Conditions are expected to gradually improve across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas by Thursday evening, while unsettled weather persists across the Southeast Bahamas and portions of the Central Bahamas through Saturday.</p>

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

<p><b>ADVISORY:</b></p>	<p><b>Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.</b> <b>Near gale watch.</b></p>
<p><b>WINDS:</b></p>	<p>West to northwest at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, shifting northwest to north at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts towards the afternoon.</p>
<p><b>LOCAL SEAS:</b></p>	<p>2 – 4 feet nearshore and among sheltered areas, building 7 to 10 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>GULF STREAM:</b></p>	<p>Northwest to north at 15 knots; moderate northwest to north swell; 6 to 8 feet.</p>
<p><b>SWELLS:</b></p>	<p>Moderate to large mixed swells on Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>WEATHER:</b></p>	<p>50 - 70% chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms.</p>

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

<p><b>ADVISORY:</b></p>	<p><b>Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.</b></p>
<p><b>WINDS:</b></p>	<p>South to southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.</p>
<p><b>LOCAL SEAS:</b></p>	<p>3 feet or less nearshore and among sheltered areas, building 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>SWELLS:</b></p>	<p>Moderate east to southeasterly swells on Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>WEATHER:</b></p>	<p>40 - 50% chance of widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.</p>

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

<p><b>ADVISORY:</b></p>	<p><b>Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.</b></p>
<p><b>WINDS:</b></p>	<p>Southeast to south at 15 knots with occasional higher gusts.</p>
<p><b>LOCAL SEAS:</b></p>	<p>2 – 4 feet nearshore and among sheltered areas, building 6 to 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>SWELLS:</b></p>	<p>Moderate east to southeasterly swells on Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>WEATHER:</b></p>	<p>10 to 20% chance of isolated showers, increasing to a 40 – 50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms by late afternoon.</p>



<b>SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b>Small craft advisory for Atlantic waters.</b>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Southeasterly at 15 to 25 knots.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	3 – 5 feet nearshore and among sheltered areas, building 6 to 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate east to southeasterly swells on Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 to 20% chance of showers throughout the day, increasing to a 20 to 30% chance of isolated showers late tonight.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
6:20 AM	6:11 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	1:41 P.M.	1:39 PM	1:32 PM	2:01 PM
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	7:29 A.M.	7:20 AM	7:22 AM	7:36 A.M.

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

<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.</b>
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<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b>Small craft advisory for ALL Atlantic waters.</b> <i>Near Gale Watch for Northern Bahamas.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots, with <i>near gale gusts</i> coming into effect during the evening hours. <b>Northwest Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, and occasional light and variable periods along the portions of Eleuthera. <b>Central Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, becoming northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts during the evening hours. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 15 knots with higher gusts.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 6 to 8 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 20 to 30% chance of isolated showers with thunderstorms <b>Elsewhere:</b> 60 to 80% chance of widespread showers with rain and scattered thunderstorms.

<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.</b>
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<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b>Small craft advisory for ALL Atlantic waters.</b> <i>Near Gale Warning for the Northern Bahamas.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with <i>near gale gusts</i> <b>Northwest Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with <i>near gale gusts</i> by late afternoon. <b>Central Bahamas:</b> Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming north to northeast at 10 to 15 knots by the evening falling light and variable at times. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts during the morning, decreasing to 10 knots or less by the afternoon, and north to northeast at 15 to 20 knots by the evening hours, falling light and variable across some areas.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> 2 – 4 feet nearshore, building 6 to 9 feet in offshore and Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> 50 to 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to a 20 to 40% chance during the evening hours. <b>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</b> 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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