



## 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, April 21, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

<p><b>WARNINGS:</b></p>	<p>A <b>Gale Watch (34 – 40 knots)</b> is in effect along with a <b>Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)</b> for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.</p> <p>A <b>Near Gale Warning (28-33 knots)</b> is in effect for the Central Bahamas, while a <b>Near Gale Watch (28-33 knots)</b> will come into effect at <b>12pm today</b> for the Southeast Bahamas.</p> <p>Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.</p> <p><b>Rip Currents:</b> A <b>moderate to high risk</b> of rip currents exists along all beaches and shorelines. Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to remain on shore.</p> <p><b>Coastal Flooding:</b> There is the potential for coastal flooding as seas build during high tide along all Atlantic exposures. Pedestrians and motorists should exercise caution along coastal roads and sea walls</p>
<p><b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b></p>	<p>A frontal boundary over the Northwest Bahamas will continue to track southward through the island chain today, bringing showers and some possible isolated thunderstorms along the boundary and associated troughing, mainly across the Northwest and Central Bahamas. Winds will strengthen behind the front, with near gale to gale-force gusts across the Northern Bahamas this morning, spreading to the Northwest Bahamas by the afternoon and into the Central Bahamas by late afternoon.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> Building high pressure behind the front is expected to produce moderate to strong gusty winds and hazardous boating weather through Thursday before conditions begin to improve. Shower activity over the Northern and Northwestern islands will decrease by late Tuesday, before returning by Friday. However, an increased chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms will persist over the Central and Southeastern islands through Thursday due to the lingering frontal boundary.</p>

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

<p><b>ADVISORY:</b></p>	<p>There is a GALE WATCH in effect for the area. There is a <b>NEAR-GALE WARNING</b> in effect on the Atlantic waters. <b>Small craft are urged not to enter the Atlantic waters until further notice.</b> Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.</p>
<p><b>WINDS:</b></p>	<p>Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with <b>near gale to gale force</b></p>
<p><b>LOCAL SEAS:</b></p>	<p>5 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters.</p>
<p><b>GULF STREAM:</b></p>	<p>7 to 9 feet</p>
<p><b>SWELLS:</b></p>	<p>Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells</p>
<p><b>WEATHER:</b></p>	<p>10 to 20% chance of showers.</p>

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

<p><b>ADVISORY:</b></p>	<p>There is a GALE WATCH in effect for the area. There is a <b>NEAR-GALE WARNING</b> in effect on the Atlantic waters. <b>Small craft are urged not to enter the Atlantic waters until further notice.</b> Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.</p>
<p><b>WINDS:</b></p>	<p>Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots tonight with <b>gusts to near gale to gale force.</b></p>
<p><b>LOCAL SEAS:</b></p>	<p>5 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters on Tuesday.</p>
<p><b>SWELLS:</b></p>	<p>Moderate to large northeast to easterly swells</p>
<p><b>WEATHER:</b></p>	<p>30 to 40% chance of scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms this morning, decreasing to a 10 to 20% chance by this afternoon through this evening.</p>



<b>CENTRAL BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	There is a <b>NEAR-GALE WARNING</b> in effect on the Atlantic waters. Small craft are urged not to enter the Atlantic waters until further notice. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots this morning, increasing to 20 to 25 knots with <b><i>gusts to near gale force</i></b> by the afternoon hours
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet this morning building to 5 to 8 feet by this afternoon on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large northerly swells
<b>WEATHER:</b>	20 to 40% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms decreasing to a 20% chance overnight.

<b>SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	There is a <b>NEAR-GALE WATCH</b> in effect; near-gale wind gusts are possible this evening.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts this morning, increasing 15 to 20 knots by the afternoon, and 20 to 25 knots with <b><i>near gale gusts</i></b> tonight.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet this morning building to 4 to 7 feet by this evening on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters by this evening
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate northeast to easterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	20 to 30% chance of showers this through tonight

<b>MOONRISE:</b>	<b>MOONSET:</b>
10:05 AM	12:36 AM WED

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	05:49 A.M.	05:47 A.M.	05:40 A.M.	06:09 A.M.
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	11:46 A.M.	11:37 A.M.	11:39 A.M.	11:53 A.M.

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

<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2026:</b>	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>There is a <b>small craft advisory</b> in effect for the all area waters of the island chain.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots by midday with higher gusts. <b>Central Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots by the evening. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force during the morning hours, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots by the evening hours.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> 4 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 5 to 8 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 20 to 30% chance of showers. <b>Elsewhere:</b> 10 to 20% chance of showers.



**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2026:**

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>There is a small craft advisory in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and the Atlantic waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern and Northwest Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts. <b>Central and Southeast Bahamas:</b> Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> 2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 5 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 4 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> 10 to 30% chance of showers.

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