



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS: *A Heat Advisory remains in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Residents and visitors should take the necessary precautions while outdoors during peak sunshine hours (10 am – 4 pm) and to safeguard their health as heat indices ranging from 102°F to 118°F are anticipated.*

A persistent high pressure ridge remains in place across the island chain supporting hot temperatures, mostly stable conditions and gentle to moderate breezes. Meanwhile, Saharan dust continues to produce hazy skies and limit shower activity.

GENERAL SITUATION: Outlook: Shower activity is expected to gradually increase across portions of the Northern Bahamas on Wednesday due to weak troughing combined with streaming tropical moisture from the Gulf. High pressure ridging and lingering Saharan dust will maintain generally stable and hazy conditions across the remainder of the island chain. Thursday, the trough is forecast to move farther south, increasing shower chances across portions of the Northwest Bahamas. By late Thursday into early Friday, an approaching tropical wave will enhance shower activity across the Southeast Bahamas, with showers spreading into the Central Bahamas later Friday.

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

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: West to northwest at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less
GULF STREAM: 1 to 2 feet
SWELLS: No swells
WEATHER: 10 to 20% chance of afternoon showers

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

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less
SWELLS: No swells
WEATHER: 10% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less
SWELLS: No swells
WEATHER: 10% chance of isolated showers



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

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.
LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore waters
SWELLS: Slight easterly swells in Atlantic waters
WEATHER: 10 to 20% chance of isolated showers or slight chance of an isolated thunderstorm.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
12:22 PM	11:22 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
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LOW TIDE:	06:33 AM	06:31 AM	06:24 AM	06:53 AM
HIGH TIDE:	01:01 PM	12:52 PM	12:54 PM	01:08 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: *Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next (7) seven days.*

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Light and variable at 10 knots or less
Central Bahamas: Southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable by the afternoon hours
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.
SEAS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 3 feet or less
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet
WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST, 2026:

ADVISORY: *NONE*
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Southwest at 10 to 15 knots, becoming 10 knots or less by the evening hours.
Central Bahamas: Southeast at 10 knots or less, increasing to 10 to 15 knots by the evening
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts during the evening hours.
SEAS: **All areas:** 3 feet or less nearshore, 2 to 4 feet offshore and along Atlantic shorelines
Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: 20 to 30% chance of showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms.
WEATHER: **Southeast Bahamas:** 10 to 20% chance of showers.

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