



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, May 26, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

A **Near Gale Warning (28 to 33 knots)** is in effect for the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised not to venture too far from the port.

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: A **high** risk of dangerous rip currents exists along all east coast and Atlantic-exposed beaches of the island chain along with the open waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas including the waters around Ragged Island and The Old Bahama Channel. **Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water along all windward and Atlantic-exposed shorelines.**

The high pressure will continue its domination of the weather across the Bahamas through tonight as it pushes southeastward across the country. Moderate to strong gusty winds and rough seas will continue through tomorrow. A moist airmass over the area will sustain quick passing showers or a possible thunderstorm over the islands.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: High pressure will continue to dominate weather conditions across the Bahamas, bringing passing showers and strong winds through midweek. Winds will gradually decrease from Wednesday as the ridge weakens, leading to light to moderate breezes for the rest of the week. By late Thursday into Friday, moisture from a tropical wave moving out of the Caribbean will increase cloudiness, humidity, showers, and thunderstorm activity mainly across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. An area of low pressure from the Gulf will increase the potential for severe weather on Sunday.

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

ADVISORY:	There is a small craft advisory in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a small craft caution in effect for the sheltered waters.
WINDS:	Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS:	4 to 6 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 6 to 8 feet occasionally up to 11 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures and passages.
GULF STREAM:	Winds-Southeast 20 knots gusting 25 knots, Seas-5 feet occasionally 6 feet. Intracoastal waters choppy.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate east to southeast swells.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of quick passing showers.

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

ADVISORY:	There is a small craft advisory in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a small craft caution in effect for the sheltered waters.
WINDS:	Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS:	4 to 6 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 6 to 8 feet occasionally up to 11 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures and passages.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate east to southeast swells.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of quick passing showers.

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

ADVISORY:	There is a Near Gale Warning in effect. Small craft should not venture too far from port.
WINDS:	Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with gust to near gale force .
LOCAL SEAS:	4 to 6 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 6 to 9 feet occasionally up to 12 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures, passages and the Exuma Sound.
SWELLS:	Moderate to large east to southeasterly swells.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of passing showers

**SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS**

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

ADVISORY: There is a **Near Gale Warning** in effect. Small craft should not venture too far from port.

WINDS: Easterly at 20 to 25 knots with **gust to near gale force**.

LOCAL SEAS: 4 to 6 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 7 to 10 feet occasionally up to 12 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures, passages and the Old Bahama Channel.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells.

WEATHER: 10 to 30% chance of passing showers.

MOONRISE:

4:01 PM

MOONSET:

3:40 AM WED

MOON PHASE

FIRST QUARTER

FULL MOON - MAY 30TH

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	11:39 AM	11:09 AM	11:58 AM	11:31 AM
HIGH TIDE:	5:56 PM	5:32 PM	6:27 PM	5:48 PM
LOW TIDE:	12:24 AM WED	11:54 PM	12:43 AM WED	12:16 AM WED

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

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY 2026.

ADVISORY: **Central and Southeast Bahamas:** There is a **Near Gale Warning** in effect for the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 15 to 25 knots with **gusts to near gale** during the day, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by the evening hours.
Gulf Stream: Southeast at 15 to 20 knots, falling 10 to 15 knots at night

SEAS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 3 to 5 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 5 to 7 feet occasionally up to 10 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures and passages.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 6 to 8 feet occasionally up to 11 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures, passages, the Exuma Sound and The Old Bahama Channel.
Gulf Stream: 4 to 5 feet occasionally 6 feet, Intracoastal waters choppy.

SWELLS: **All areas:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells.

WEATHER: **All areas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 2026.**

ADVISORY: **Central and Southeast Bahamas:** There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters.
Northwest and Central Bahamas: There is a **small craft caution** in effect for all waters.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming east to southeast at 10 knots or less by the evening hours.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts across the Southeast Bahamas
Gulf Stream: South at 10 to 15 knots

SEAS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 3 feet or less near shore and in sheltered waters, building 3 to 5 feet occasionally up to 9 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures and passages.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet near shore and in sheltered waters, building 4 to 6 feet occasionally up to 9 feet over open waters and Atlantic exposures, passages, the Exuma Sound and The Old Bahama Channel.
Gulf Stream: 2 to 3 feet Intracoastal waters light chop.

SWELLS: **All areas:** Slight to moderate east to southeasterly swells.

WEATHER: **All areas:** 20 to 30% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms.

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