



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: A *moderate* risk of rip currents exists across the Southeast Bahamas. Swimmers and beachgoers are advised to exercise caution when entering the water.

Heat Advisory: Mariners are advised that *high heat indices* (above 105°F/40.5°C) are expected across the waters of the entire Bahamas. Prolonged exposure to the sun and hot conditions may increase the risk of heat-related illnesses. Stay hydrated, limit strenuous activity, seek shade when possible, and monitor crew members for signs of heat stress.

Tidal Levels: Due to the New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal. Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.

High pressure ridging will continue to maintain mostly stable conditions across much of the island chain through the early part of the day, with Saharan dust helping to suppress shower activity across Northwest and Central Bahamas today. However, shower chances will increase across the Southeast Bahamas later this afternoon through tonight as a tropical wave approaches the area from the east. The islands of the Northern Bahamas may also see an increase in showers and possible thunderstorm activity this afternoon as moisture streams across the area.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: The wave will continue tracking westward through Thursday, with the northern extent maintaining elevated shower and thunderstorm chances across the Southeast Bahamas, before extending into the Central Bahamas later on Thursday. Meanwhile, troughing near the Northern Bahamas, coupled with moisture streaming across those islands, will continue to support slightly elevated shower and thunderstorm chances on Thursday. By Friday, weather associated with the wave is forecast to reach the Northwest Bahamas and portions of the Central Bahamas as it interacts with an upper-level disturbance. A gradual decrease in activity is expected by Saturday as high pressure ridging becomes re-established across the island chain, though a possibility of few passing showers may remain.

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

ADVISORY:	None
WINDS:	South to southwest at less than 10 knots.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters
GULF STREAM:	Seas less than 2 feet or less.
SWELLS:	Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers this morning, increasing to a 20 to 30% chance this afternoon with possible isolated thunderstorms

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

ADVISORY:	None
WINDS:	Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, becoming east to southeast at less than 10 knots by the afternoon hours.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS:	Slight southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of a stray shower.



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

ADVISORY: None
WINDS: East-northeast to east-southeast at 10 to 15 knots
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10% chance of a stray shower.

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

ADVISORY: A small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.
WINDS: East-northeast to east-southeast at 15 to 20 knots
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet near-shore and offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER: 10 to 30% chance of a showers and an afternoon thunderstorm

MOONRISE: 06:27 AM MOONSET: 07:55 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	08:06 A.M.	07:57 A.M.	07:59 A.M.	08:13 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	02:09 P.M.	02:07 P.M.	02:00 P.M.	02:29 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

1. Central Tropical Atlantic (AL92):
Showers and thunderstorms continue to show signs of organization in association with a tropical wave located around 800 miles southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands. Formation chance through 7 days is high at 80 percent.
2. Central Subtropical Atlantic (AL93):
The broad low-pressure area located about 1000 miles east-northeast of Bermuda has developed gale-force winds. Formation chance through 7 days is medium at 50 percent.
3. Eastern Tropical Atlantic:
A tropical wave just offshore of the coast of west Africa is producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Formation chance through 7 days is low at 20 percent.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2026.

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Southeast Bahamas. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** South-southeast to south-southwest at 10 knots or less.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less falling light and variable at times, becoming east to southeast at 10 to 15 knots by the evening.
Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots by the evening.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts by the evening hours

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet, building to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Thursday night.

WEATHER: **Northern and Southeast Bahamas:** 20 to 40% showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2026.

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory* in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Central and Southeast Bahamas. *Near-gale watch in effect for waters south of Inagua*
A small craft caution in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, and local and sheltered waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable during the afternoon hours, becoming east to southeast at 10 to 15 knots at night.
Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts.
Central Bahamas: Southeasterly at 15 to 20 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale force possible*(mainly south of Inagua)

SEAS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet building to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.
Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet building to 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.
Southeast Bahamas: 4 to 6 feet in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet building to 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Friday night.

WEATHER: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** 10 to 30% chance of showers, increasing to 20 to 40% with isolated thunderstorms by the afternoon.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 10 to 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms

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