



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

*A **Severe Weather Watch** is now in effect for the Central and Southeast Bahamas, as well as the Turks and Caicos Islands. Mariners are urged to remain vigilant and stay up to date with all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.*

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: There is a **slight** risk of rip currents impacting the eastern and southern shorelines of the Bahamas, while a **moderate** risk exists along the eastern and Atlantic shorelines of the Northern and Southeast Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution.*

Choppy seas exist across the Atlantic shorelines of the Northern Bahamas, due to a tight pressure gradient behind a frontal boundary north of the area. Troughing and ample moisture ahead of this front will support off-and-on showers and thunderstorms across the area today. Winds and seas may become locally higher near heavier showers and thunderstorms, with reduced visibility and gusty conditions possible. An upper-level disturbance over the Southeast Bahamas will maintain unsettled conditions, mainly across the southern half of the country, through tonight.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: The upper-level disturbance will merge with the front overnight, eventually reforming near or over the Northern Bahamas by early Thursday. This feature will gradually drift westwards towards Florida and remain mostly stationary through to next week, as a robust tropical wave enters the forecast area on Friday. **As a result, an elevated risk of severe weather will likely plague the Central and Southeast on Friday, eventually spreading into portions of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas on Saturday through to early Sunday. Mariners are urged to keep updated of all severe weather warnings during this timeframe.**

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

- ADVISORY:** A **small craft caution** is now in effect for Atlantic waters. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 3 feet in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters. 3 to 5 feet building 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters and the Gulf Stream.
- SWELLS:** Moderate northerly swells affecting Atlantic shorelines.
- WEATHER:** 20 – 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms, increasing to a 30 – 50% chance by the afternoon hours.

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

- ADVISORY:** No marine advisories. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet in nearshore and offshore sheltered waters. 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic waters and the Gulf Stream.
- SWELLS:** Light easterly swells impacting Atlantic shorelines.
- WEATHER:** 20 – 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms, increasing to a 30 – 50% chance by the afternoon hours.



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

ADVISORY: No marine advisories. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.

LOCAL SEAS: 1 to 3 feet in nearshore sheltered waters. 2 to 4 feet in sheltered offshore waters. 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells impacting Atlantic shorelines.

WEATHER: 40 – 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* will come into effect tonight. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: East-northeast to east-southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing 15 to 20 knots tonight.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet in nearshore sheltered waters. 3 to 5 feet in sheltered offshore waters. 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic waters.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells impacting Atlantic shorelines.

WEATHER: 30 – 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to a 20 – 30% chance by tonight.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
12:03 PM	10:39 PM

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	12:19 P.M.	12:10 P.M.	12:12 P.M.	12:26 P.M.
LOW TIDE:	6:40 P.M.	6:38 P.M.	6:31 P.M.	7:00 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Central Subtropical Atlantic: A trough of low pressure located about 600 miles east of Bermuda has a low, or 10 percent chance of development within the next 48 hours, increasing to a low, or 30 percent chance of tropical cyclone formation through the next seven days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft caution* will remain in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and the Atlantic shorelines of the Northern Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots.

SEAS: North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; Northeast Providence Channel – 2 to 4 feet; Gulf Stream – 3 to 5 feet and Atlantic exposed waters– up to 6 feet.
Central Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Exuma Sound (south) & Crooked Is. Passage- 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet
Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Mayaguana & Caicos Passage- 3 to 4 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– 4 to 5 feet

WEATHER: Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: 30 – 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 20 – 40% chance of showers with possible thunderstorms, increasing to a 30 – 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms by nightfall.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026:

ADVISORY:

A small craft caution will remain in effect for the Southeast Bahamas and the Atlantic shorelines of the Northern Bahamas. *Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS:

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: East-southeast to south-southeast at 10 knots or less.

Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots.

Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by nightfall.

SEAS:

North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; Northeast Providence Channel – 2 to 3 feet; Gulf Stream – 3 to 4 feet and Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet.

Central Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Exuma Sound (south) & Crooked Is. Passage- 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet.

Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – 2 feet; open waters, Mayaguana & Caicos Passage- 3 to 4 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– 4 to 5 feet

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: East-southeast to south-southeast at 10 knots or less.

WEATHER:

Central Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots.

Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots, decreasing 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by nightfall.

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