



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Wednesday, April 8, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EST.

WARNINGS:	<p><i>A Severe Weather Watch</i> is now in effect for the islands of the Northern Bahamas (Grand Bahama, Abaco and Bimini) as well as portions of the Northwest Bahamas (Berry Islands, Northern Andros, New Providence, Northern Eleuthera) along with their adjacent waters and cays. The public is urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology.</p> <p><i>A Gale Warning (34 – 40 knots)</i> is in effect for the Northern Bahamas. Occasional gusts to gale force are possible across the Northern Bahamas <i>beginning 12pm Wednesday afternoon to 6am Thursday morning.</i> Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port</p> <p>Rip Currents: There is a high risk of rip currents for all Atlantic coastal waters and Passages of the island chain. <i>Swimmers are advised to refrain from entering these waters and to exercise extreme caution when crossing the Glass Window Bridge on the island of Eleuthera until further notice. in the areas of the Gulf Stream and Atlantic waters.</i></p>
GENERAL SITUATION:	<p>A moist unstable airmass is supporting a meandering frontal boundary, with an area of low pressure drifting northeastward, across the Northern and Northwest island, along with a pre-frontal trough that's sitting in an area between the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Unsettled weather is occurring in the vicinity of the front and trough while the front drags strong to near gale force winds and rough seas in its wake.</p> <p>Outlook: Behind the front, strong to gale force breezes will create dangerous beaching and boating conditions, while the boundary stalls and weakens across the Northwest Bahamas by Friday. High pressure will strengthen behind the front, further tighten the pressure gradient, allowing the winds to increase across the island chain through the end of the week.</p>

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	<i>Small craft operators should remain in port.</i>
WINDS:	Northeast at 10 to 15 knots this morning, increasing 15 to 20 knots this afternoon and 25 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force tonight.
LOCAL SEAS:	Near shore and sheltered areas - 3 to 5 feet; over open and Atlantic exposed waters 6 to 9 feet building 8 to 12 feet tonight. Seas building 14 to 18 feet during wind gusts.
GULF STREAM:	Winds: Northeast at 15 to 20 knots increasing 20 to 25 knots this afternoon and 25 to 30 knots tonight. Seas: 8 to 11 feet occasionally up to 14 feet: Waters: Very rough.
SWELLS:	Large north to northeast swells.
WEATHER:	40 to 70% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	<i>Small craft operators should be making every effort to return to the port.</i>
WINDS:	North to northeast at 10 knots or less falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	This morning: 3 feet or less near shore and 5 to 8 feet over open and Atlantic waters: Building this afternoon: Near shore and sheltered areas - 3 to 5 feet; over open and Atlantic exposed waters 6 to 9 feet building 8 to 12 feet tonight. Seas building 14 to 18 feet during wind gusts.
SWELLS:	Moderate to large north and northeasterly swells
WEATHER:	30 to 50% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms



CENTRAL BAHAMAS (INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft caution becomes a small craft advisory tonight.
WINDS:	South to southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	Near shore and sheltered areas & the Crooked Island passage – 1 to 3 feet; and 5 to 6 feet for the Atlantic exposed and over open waters.
SWELLS:	Light to moderate sea swells.
WEATHER:	30 to 50% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft should exercise caution.
WINDS:	Southerly at 10 knots or less falling light and variable at times.
LOCAL SEAS:	Near shore and sheltered areas & the Crooked Island passage – 1 to 3 feet; and 5 to 6 feet for the Atlantic exposed and over open waters.
SWELLS:	Light northeasterly swells.
WEATHER:	20 to 30% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms in the vicinity of the trough, 10% chance of showers elsewhere

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
11:10 A.M.	1:36 A.M. THU

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	7:35 A.M.	7:05 A.M.	7:54 A.M.	7:27 A.M.
HIGH TIDE:	1:12 P.M.	12:48 P.M.	1:43 P.M.	1:04 P.M.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 09TH, APRIL 2026.	
ADVISORY:	Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: Small craft operators should remain in port Southeast Bahamas: Small operators should make every effort to return to the port.
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: North-northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 25 knots with <i>gusts to near gale.</i> Northwest Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gust by afternoon Central and Southeast Bahamas: East-southeast to south-southeast at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times. Gulf Stream: Northeast at 15 to 20 with gusts to 25 knots building 20 to 25 knots with gusts to 30 knots.
SEAS:	North and Northwest Bahamas: Sheltered areas 2 to 4 feet; open waters and the Northwest Providence Channel- 8 to 12 feet; & Atlantic exposed waters– 12 feet. Central & Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas 2 to 3 feet; ALL passage and open waters 5 to 7 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 6 to 8 feet Gulf Stream: 7 to 10 feet, occasionally building to 13 feet, Waters: Choppy
SWELLS:	All areas: Large north to northeasterly swells.
WEATHER:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 30 to 40% chance of showers during the morning hours, decreasing 10 to 30% by the afternoon hours. Central and Southeast Bahamas: 20 to 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 10TH, APRIL 2026.**

ADVISORY:	Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: Small craft operators should <i>remain in port</i> Southeast Bahamas: Small craft operators should not venture far from the port.
WINDS:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 20 to 25 knots with <i>possible gusts to near gale.</i> Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by nightfall. Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 knots or less ahead of the front, shifting northeasterly at 15 knots with higher gusts behind the front. Expect winds to become light and variable at times in the vicinity of the front. Gulf Stream: Northeast at 20 knots gusting to 25 knots
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SWELLS:	All areas: Moderate to large north to northeasterly swells.
WEATHER:	Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 10 – 20% chance of showers. Central and Southeast Bahamas: 20 – 40% chance of showers with possible afternoon thunderstorms.

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