



## 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, Wednesday, January 22, 2025. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

<p><b>WARNINGS:</b></p>	<p>A <b>gale warning</b> is in effect until 04:00 pm for <b>all area waters</b> in the <b>Northern</b> Bahamas. <b>Frequent</b> wind <b>gusts to gale</b> are likely today. Mariners and boaters in the Northern Bahamas are strongly urged to remain in a safe harbour and not to venture out of port.</p> <p>A <b>high risk of rip currents</b> is in place for <b>all coastal waters</b> in the <b>Northern</b> and <b>Southern</b> islands therefore beachgoers are encouraged to remain onshore as dangerous rip currents can sweep away swimmers.</p> <p>A <b>moderate risk of rip currents</b> is in place for south and east coastal waters in the <b>Northwest</b> and <b>Central</b> Bahamas therefore, beachgoers are advised to remain onshore.</p>
<p><b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b></p>	<p>A frontal boundary continues to move across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas today with cloudy skies along with some shower and thunderstorm activity occurring within the vicinity of the boundary.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> The frontal boundary will continue to move southeastward while gradually stalling over the Central Bahamas on Thursday. A low pressure center is expected to develop near the Florida Straits and drag a trough across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas supporting showers and possible thunderstorm activity while moving northeastward. Meanwhile, another front will move through the Northern and Northwest Bahamas on Friday with some showers, ushering in cooler temperatures and breezy conditions across the country for the weekend. High pressure will persist across the Bahama Islands in the wake of the front.</p>

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <b>gale warning</b> is in effect. Boaters, especially small craft, are strongly urged to remain in port.
<b>WINDS:</b>	North-northwest to north-northeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	7 to 10 feet nearshore but up to 13 feet along Atlantic exposures.
<b>GULF STREAM:</b>	9 to 13 feet.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate to large north and northeast swell Wednesday.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	30-40% chance of widely scattered showers with the chance of few isolated thunderstorms

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <b>small craft advisory</b> is in effect. <b>Small craft are strongly urged not to venture into Atlantic waters.</b>
<b>WINDS:</b>	South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots this morning shifting west to northwest by afternoon hours. Becoming northerly at 15 knots by this evening.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	3 to 5 feet offshore in sheltered waters but 6 to 9 feet along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate north and northeasterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	20-30% chance of isolated showers.

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <b>small craft advisory</b> is in effect for Atlantic waters.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Southwest to west 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times this afternoon.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	1 to 3 feet nearshore in sheltered waters but 3 to 5 feet offshore in sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate east to southeast swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10% chance of isolated showers.



<b>SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <b>small craft advisory</b> is in effect for Atlantic waters while a <b>small craft caution</b> is in effect for offshore sheltered waters.
<b>WINDS:</b>	Southeast to south 15 knots but gusty at times.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore in sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore in sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate easterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>10%</b> chance of isolated showers.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
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ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	08:02 A.M.	08:00 A.M.	07:53 A.M.	08:22 A.M.
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	01:50 P.M.	01:41 P.M.	01:43 .M.	01:57 P.M.

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

<b>TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:</b>	
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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2025.	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A <b>small craft advisory</b> will continue for Atlantic exposures. Boaters, especially small craft, are urged not to enter Atlantic exposures.
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>For the Northern Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 15 knots during the morning shifting east to southeast 10 to 15 knots by afternoon hours. Winds will shift south to southwest at 15 knots by Thursday evening. <b>For the Northwest and Central Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots falling light and variable during afternoon hours. <b>For the Southeast Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots. A surge in winds of 15 to 20 knots will occur over Inagua and the Turks & Caicos islands on Thursday night.
<b>SEAS:</b>	2 to 3 feet nearshore in sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore in sheltered waters; 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic waters for the Northern and Northwest and 6 to 8 feet for Central and Southeast Bahamas
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>20%</b> chance of isolated showers mainly across the Northern and Southern Bahamas

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, 24 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	A small craft advisory is in effect for the entire Northern and Northwest Bahamas and a <b>small craft advisory</b> is in effect for <b>Atlantic waters</b> in the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Ahead of the frontal boundary,</b> East to southeast 10 to 15 knots. Meanwhile, <b>behind the boundary,</b> Northwest to north 15 to 20 knots with occasional gusts to near gale force.
<b>SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore in waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore in sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic waters in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. 2 to 3 feet nearshore in sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore in sheltered waters, and 5 to 8 feet Atlantic exposed waters in the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>30-40%</b> chance of widely scattered showers mainly across the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas.

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