

**BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST**

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT.

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is also a *slight* to *moderate* risk for a few strong isolated to severe thunderstorms across *portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas* this afternoon through tonight. These storms could produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity. **Mariners should remain vigilant, stay updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology, and be prepared to seek safe harbour should conditions worsen.**

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents: There is a *high* risk of hazardous rip currents and rough surf over the *Atlantic waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas*, while a *slight* to *moderate* risk exists *along Atlantic beaches of the Central and Southeast Bahamas*. ***Beachgoers and swimmers are strongly urged to refrain from entering Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas and should continue to exercise caution elsewhere.***

GENERAL SITUATION:

Moisture associated with pre-frontal troughing ahead of a frontal boundary across the Northwest and Central Bahamas will support showers and thunderstorms across portions of the island chain, particularly the Central and Southeast Bahamas, while drier and more stable conditions gradually develop across the northern islands. Meanwhile, a powerful Nor'easter off the Carolina coast is generating dangerous swells across the Gulf Stream and Atlantic waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, resulting in moderate to rough seas and hazardous boating and beaching conditions, despite generally moderate winds across the island chain.

OUTLOOK: Unsettled weather will persist across the Central and Southeast Bahamas through the weekend, while conditions gradually improve farther north. Large swells will maintain hazardous boating and beaching conditions across northern Atlantic waters through the weekend before gradually subsiding. The frontal boundary will weaken through Monday before retreating northward.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A small craft advisory is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Small craft operators are advised not to venture into Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WINDS:

North-northwest to north-northeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet tonight; seas 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet on Saturday.

SWELLS:

Moderate to rough northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

10-30% chance of isolated showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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



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ADVISORY: *A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters, while a **small craft caution** is in effect for local waters. **Small craft operators are advised not to venture far from port and Atlantic-exposed waters.** Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: North-northwest to north-northeast at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to rough northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots, with occasional higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Slight to moderate northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 40-60% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Slight to moderate northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-50% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
6:24 PM	6:56 AM SAT.
Moon Phase FIRST QUARTER	
Full Moon, on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 12:49 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	8:05 PM	7:41 PM	7:43 PM	7:57 PM
LOW TIDE:	2:26 AM SAT.	1:56 AM SAT.	1:49AM SAT.	2:18 AM SAT.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:



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Please see the latest **News Items** on ***Tropical Storm Gonzalo***, located about 35 miles south-southeast of Sal Cabo Verde, and on ***Tropical Storm Fay***, located well to the west-southwest of the Azores. ***Neither system poses a threat to the Bahamas. Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next seven days.***

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas**, while a **small craft caution** remains in effect for the **Southeast Bahamas**. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northwest to north at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

Central Bahamas: West to northwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

Southeast Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS:

Central Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate to rough northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

Central Bahamas: Slight to moderate northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 10-20% chance of showers.

Central & Southeast Bahamas: 30-40% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:

A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the **entire island chain**. Expect gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility in or near heavy showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 knots or less, falling light and variable at times.

Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 10 knots or less, backing to east to southeast at 10 to 15 knots by the evening hours.

SEAS:

All Areas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

Gulf Stream: Seas 2 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.

SWELLS:

All Areas: Slight to moderate north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 20-40% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

WEATHER:

Southeast Bahamas: 10-30% chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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