



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EST TOMORROW.

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH (Winds: 28 knots – 33 knots)** in effect for the Northern Bahamas and Northwest Bahamas. Near-gale winds gusts are possible across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. *Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WARNINGS: *Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.*

There is a **moderate to high risk** of rip currents for open and Atlantic waters of the island chain. *Swimmers are advised not to enter these waters.*

GENERAL SITUATION: A quasi-stationary front across the Northern Bahamas along with a prefrontal trough over the Central Bahamas continues to generate cloudy, wet and breezy conditions for majority of the island chain tonight. Heavy showers and severe thunderstorm are highly possible through Friday. Rough seas and strong winds are expected to persist through the weekend.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect.
There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.

WINDS: Northeasterly at 15 to 25 knots, with gusts up to near gale through tomorrow.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet in open waters and 8 to 10 feet in Atlantic waters through tomorrow.

GULF STREAM: 7 to 10 feet through tomorrow.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Cloudy with isolated showers through tomorrow.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect.
There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.

WINDS: Light and variable tonight ahead of the front, becoming 15 to 25 knots tomorrow after the frontal passage.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore and open waters, 2 to 4 feet in the Northeast Providence Channel, 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters tonight increasing to 5 to 8 feet in the Northeast Providence Channel, 10 feet in Atlantic waters tomorrow.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Widespread showers through tomorrow.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters.

WINDS: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots tonight, becoming southwesterly tomorrow.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in open waters, 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic waters through tomorrow.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Widespread showers through tomorrow.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters.

WINDS: Southeast to south at 10 to 15 knots tonight, becoming variable at less than 10 knots tomorrow.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet in open waters, 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic waters through tomorrow.

SWELLS: Moderate to large easterly swells in Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Widespread showers through tomorrow.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
7:11pm	7:28am THU
MOON PHASE	
LAST QUARTER	
NEW MOON – 18 TH March 2026 at 9:23pm	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	8:47 PM	8:23 PM	8:25 PM	8:39 PM
LOW TIDE:	3:10 AM	2:40 AM	2:33 AM	3:02 AM

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2026:

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the island chain, as well as the sheltered waters of the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:** Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Southwest to northwest at 10 to 15 knots.

SEAS: **Northwest and Central Bahamas:** 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet in open waters, 7 to 9 feet in Atlantic waters.
Elsewhere: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet in open waters, 7 to 9 feet in Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: **Central and Southeast Bahamas:** Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Isolated showers with the slight chance of a thunderstorm.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2026:

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the island chain, as well as the sheltered waters of the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas.

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Northwest and Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: Northwest to northeast at 10 to 15 knots.

SEAS: **Northern Bahamas:** 3 feet or less in nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in open waters, 8 to 11 feet in Atlantic waters
Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas: 3 feet or less in sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet in open waters, 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION: **All areas:** Slight chance of an isolated shower.

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