



### BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT.

**WARNINGS:**

**Thunderstorm Activity:** There remains a *slight* risk of severe thunderstorms across portions of the Northwest and Central Bahamas. *Mariners are urged to remain updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology and should seek safe harbour once weather conditions begin to deteriorate.*

**Rip Currents:** There remains a *marginal* to *moderate* risk of rip currents along Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers are urged to continue to exercise caution.*

**Tidal Levels:** Due to the New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal. *Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides, as there is an increased risk of running aground.*

**GENERAL SITUATION:**

Troughing and moisture continue to support scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the island chain, while weak high pressure supports slightly drier and more stable conditions elsewhere.

**OUTLOOK:** By late Saturday into early Sunday, the mid- to upper-level disturbance will shift east of the island chain and linger over Atlantic waters through midweek. Associated weak surface troughing and lingering moisture will continue to support periods of showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Central and Southeast Bahamas through Wednesday. Meanwhile, a tightening pressure gradient will allow winds to increase to moderate to fresh across the island chain from the weekend into Tuesday, before gradually easing by late Wednesday.

#### NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *None.*
- WINDS:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with occasional higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.
- GULF STREAM:** Seas 2 to 3 feet tonight; seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet Saturday night.
- SWELLS:** Slight east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

#### NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** Variable at 10 knots or less tonight, becoming easterly at 10 to 15 knots on Saturday.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Slight east to southeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 20-40% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.



**CENTRAL BAHAMAS**

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

- ADVISORY:** *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:** Variable at 10 knots or less tonight, becoming easterly at 10 to 15 knots on Saturday.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 30-50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

**SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS**

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

- ADVISORY:** *None.*
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, becoming easterly at 15 to 20 knots south of Inagua Saturday afternoon.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
- SWELLS:** Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
6:48 PM	5:52 AM SAT.
<b>Moon Phase THIRD QUARTER</b>	
<b>New Moon, on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 4:01 PM</b>	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	7:54 PM	7:30 PM	7:32 PM	7:46 PM
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	2:29 AM SAT.	1:59 AM SAT.	1:52 AM SAT.	2:21 AM SAT.

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

**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**

Today, May 15, marks the first day of the routine issuance of the Atlantic basin Tropical Weather Outlook in 2026. At this time, tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next seven (7) days.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026:**

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b><i>Small craft caution is in effect for all Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain.</i></b>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern &amp; Northwest Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 20 knots overnight. <b>Central &amp; Southeast Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 15 to 20 knots. <b>Northern, Northwest &amp; Central Bahamas:</b> 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet building to 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Sunday night. <b>Gulf Stream:</b> Seas around 3 feet; seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet Sunday night.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> 20-30% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2026:**

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<b><i>Small craft caution is in effect for all Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain.</i></b>
<b>WINDS:</b>	<b>Northern &amp; Northwest Bahamas:</b> Easterly at 15 knots with higher gusts, increasing to 15 to 20 knots by the evening hours. <b>Central &amp; Southeast Bahamas:</b> East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots. <b>Northern, Northwest &amp; Central Bahamas:</b> 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
<b>SEAS:</b>	<b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. <b>Gulf Stream:</b> Seas 3 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	<b>All Areas:</b> Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	<b>Northern, Northwest &amp; Central Bahamas:</b> 20% chance of showers. <b>Southeast Bahamas:</b> 20-40% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.

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