



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

**MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT.**

**Rip Currents:** A *moderate* risk of rip currents exists along all Atlantic-exposed beaches and shorelines. *Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering these waters.*

### WARNINGS:

**Tidal Levels:** Due to the recent New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal through Tuesday, 21st April. *Mariners should exercise extreme caution when traversing shallow areas due to the increased risk of vessels running aground.*

Favorable boating conditions are expected to continue as high pressure remains established across the area. Meanwhile, a weakening surface trough and its associated moisture will continue to support a few patchy showers across portions of the island chain as it gradually weakens overnight.

### GENERAL SITUATION:

**OUTLOOK:** The lingering trough is expected to dissipate by Saturday; however, residual moisture will continue to support a few isolated showers across the island chain. Light to gentle winds, slight seas, and warmer springtime temperatures will prevail through the weekend. By Monday, a late-season cold front is expected to move into the Northern Bahamas, bringing an increase in shower activity along with moderate to strong breezes and building seas. This will result in a return to unsettled weather and deteriorating marine conditions across the island chain through the remainder of the work week.

### NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 knots or less.  
**LOCAL SEAS:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**GULF STREAM:** Seas around 2 feet.  
**SWELLS:** Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers.

### NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots tonight, decreasing to 10 knots or less on Saturday.  
**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 to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers.

### CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WINDS:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.  
**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 to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** 10-20% chance of showers.

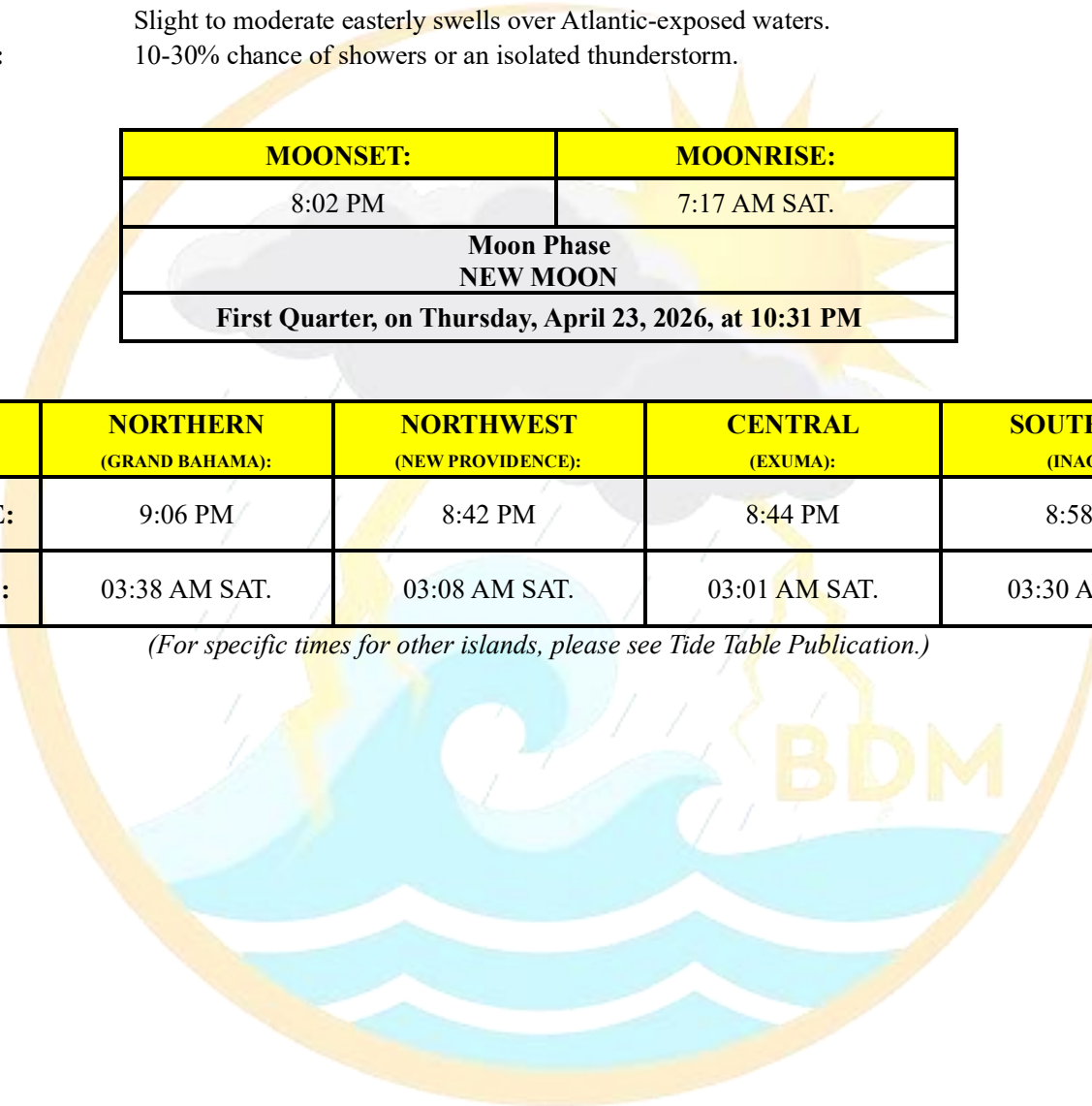
**SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS**  
 (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):

**ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WINDS:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.  
**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 to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** 10-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
8:02 PM	7:17 AM SAT.
<b>Moon Phase</b>	
<b>NEW MOON</b>	
<b>First Quarter, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:31 PM</b>	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	9:06 PM	8:42 PM	8:44 PM	8:58 PM
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	03:38 AM SAT.	03:08 AM SAT.	03:01 AM SAT.	03:30 AM SAT.

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



**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2026:**

**ADVISORY:** *Gale Watch (34-40 knots)* in effect for the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas**. A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the island chain. *Boaters, particularly small craft operators, should seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

**WINDS:** **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Variable at 10 knots or less.  
**Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.  
**Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Central Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

**SEAS:** **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 around 2 feet.

**SWELLS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** **All Areas:** 10-20% chance of showers.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2026:**

**ADVISORY:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** *Gale Watch (34-40 knots)* is in effect. *Gale Warnings (34-40 knots)* are expected to come into effect Monday night. *Boaters, particularly small craft operators, should seek safe harbour and remain in port.*  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** A *small craft caution* is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Small craft operators should not venture far from port.*

**WINDS:** **Northern Bahamas:** Variable at 10 knots or less ahead of the front, shifting north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force possible behind the front Monday afternoon.  
**Northwest Bahamas:** Northeast to east at 10 knots or less, shifting north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots, with gusts to gale force possible Monday night.  
**Central Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 knots or less, increasing to 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts late Monday night.  
**Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.

**SEAS:** **Northern Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters during the day; building to 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters and up to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters late Monday night.  
**Northwest Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters during the day, building to 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters late Monday night.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**Gulf Stream:** Seas around 2 feet, building to 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet in the afternoon; seas 7 to 10 feet, occasionally to 13 feet, building to 9 to 13 feet, occasionally to 17 feet after midnight.

**SWELLS:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight easterly swells during the day; moderate to large northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters Monday night.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

**WEATHER:** **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 30-40% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.  
**Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 10-20% chance of showers.

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