



BAHMET 23/7B

BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EST TOMORROW.

A **Gale (34-40 knots) Warning** is in effect for the **Northern and Northwest Bahamas**. Occasional gusts to gale force are likely across the waters of the **Northern Bahamas from 8 pm tonight through 8 am Tuesday**, and across the waters of the **Northwest Bahamas from 10 pm tonight through 10 am Tuesday**.

A **Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning** is in effect for the **Central Bahamas**. Occasional gusts to near gale force are likely across the waters of the **Central Bahamas from 6 am Tuesday through 6 am Wednesday**.

Therefore, *boaters, especially small craft operators, in the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas are urged to remain in port.*

WARNINGS:

Rough surf: Rough surf will continue to impact area and Atlantic-exposed waters across the island chain. **Boaters, especially small craft operators in the Southeast Bahamas, should refrain from venturing far from port.**

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk** of rip currents exists along all Atlantic-exposed shorelines of the island chain, as well as the open waters of the Southeast Bahamas. *Beachgoers and swimmers in the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas should refrain from entering the water, while those in the Southeast Bahamas are strongly advised to exercise extreme caution.*

A prefrontal trough associated with a cold front across South Florida this evening will generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across the northern islands tonight. A tightening pressure gradient behind the front will result in fresh to strong winds, reaching gale force at times. Rapidly building seas will create hazardous boating and beaching conditions across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas beginning tonight, then spread into the Central Bahamas through midweek. The front is expected to stall north of the Southeast Bahamas on Thursday before merging with another frontal boundary, maintaining unsettled conditions.

GENERAL SITUATION:

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A Gale (34-40 knots) Warning is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port.*

WINDS:

Northwest to north at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely tonight, shifting north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely through Tuesday morning.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, building to 6 to 9 feet tonight and up to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Tuesday.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet, building to 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet after midnight; seas 8 to 11 feet, occasionally to 14 feet Tuesday.

SWELLS:

Moderate north to northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

30-50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along the frontal boundary.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

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WINDS: Northwest to north at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely tonight, shifting north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots with occasional gusts to near gale force likely through Tuesday morning.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, building to 6 to 9 feet tonight and up to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Tuesday.

SWELLS: Moderate north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30–40% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along the frontal boundary.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A **Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning** is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to remain in port.*

WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less ahead of the front, becoming north to northeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet building to 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters Tuesday night.

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

WEATHER: 20-40% chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. .

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **Small craft caution** in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, should refrain from venturing far from port.*

WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less, becoming northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots Tuesday night.

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 northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 10-20% chance of an isolated shower or two.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
1:39 AM TUE.	12:30 PM TUE.
Moon Phase FIRST QUARTER	
Full Moon, on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 5:09 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	7:59 PM	7:29 PM	7:22 PM	7:52 PM
HIGH TIDE:	2:28 AM TUE.	2:04 AM TUE.	2:06 AM TUE.	2:20 AM TUE.

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



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* in effect for ALL Atlantic-exposed waters of The Bahamas. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, across ALL area waters should refrain from venturing far from port.*

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Northeasterly at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.
Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 knots with occasionally higher gusts, decreasing 10 to 15 knots by nightfall.
Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with gusts to near gale force likely.
Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.

SEAS: **Northern Bahamas:** 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and up to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet.

SWELLS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Moderate north to northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate north to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: A *small craft advisory* in effect for ALL Atlantic-exposed waters of The Bahamas. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, across ALL area waters should refrain from venturing far from port.*

WINDS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Northwest to north at 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas: West to northwest at 10 to 15 knots, becoming northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts Thursday afternoon.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet; seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet Thursday night.

SWELLS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Moderate north to northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Moderate north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 10-20% chance of showers.
Northwest, Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms along the frontal boundary.

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