



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EST.

WARNINGS:

A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Warning** is now in effect for the **Central and Southeast Bahamas**. Occasional gusts to near-gale force are likely across these areas from 12 am Sunday through 12 pm Sunday. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.*

A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Watch** is in effect for the **Northern Bahamas**. Occasional gusts to near-gale force are possible across those areas from 12 pm Sunday through 12 pm Monday. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter by 6 am Sunday and remain in port.*

Rip Currents: A **moderate** to **high risk** of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents exists along all exposed shorelines of the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers should avoid entering the water in these areas.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

Lingering moisture associated with a dissipating frontal trough across the Central Bahamas will continue to support spotty showers across southern portions of the island chain through Sunday. Meanwhile, building high pressure will generate moderate to locally fresh breezes and gradually building seas across the country before shifting eastward into the Atlantic late Sunday.

OUTLOOK: Another frontal boundary is expected to approach The Bahamas on Monday, bringing an increased chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms along with strengthening winds and building seas, mainly across the northern half of the country. High pressure is forecast to re-establish itself by midweek, leading to more settled and stable weather conditions.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Watch** is in effect. *Boaters, especially small craft operators, are urged to seek safe shelter by 6 am Sunday and remain in port.*

WINDS:

East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, shifting south to southwest 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts by nightfall Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

GULF STREAM:

Seas 2 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet tonight; seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet Sunday.

SWELLS:

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

WEATHER:

10-30% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **small craft caution** is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. A **small craft advisory** will come into effect on Sunday afternoon.

WINDS:

East to southeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, shifting south to southwest 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts by nightfall Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

Moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

10-30% chance of showers.

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 across all areas. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.*

WINDS:

Easterly at 15 to 20 knots tonight, becoming east to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet up to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER:

10-30% chance of showers.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **Near Gale (28–33 knots) Warning** is in effect across all areas. *Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.*

WINDS:

Easterly at 15 to 20 knots tonight, becoming east to southeast at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely Sunday.



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LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet up to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 10-30% chance of showers.





MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
5:35 AM SUN.	4:28 PM SUN.
Moon Phase THIRD QUARTER	
New Moon, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:01 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	12:19 AM SUN.	11:49 PM	11:42 PM	12:11 AM SUN.
HIGH TIDE:	6:38 AM SUN.	6:14 AM SUN.	6:16 AM SUN.	6:30 AM SUN.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	<p><i>Near Gale (28–33 knots) Watch</i> is in effect for the Northern Bahamas. A <i>small craft advisory</i> is in effect for the Northwest Bahamas. <i>Boaters, especially small craft, are urged to seek safe shelter and remain in port.</i></p> <p><i>Small craft caution</i> in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas.</p>
WINDS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: South to southwest at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force possible across the Northern Bahamas, veering west to northwest at 15 to 20 knots by afternoon, settling northwest to north by evening.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south at 15 knots, shifting west to northwest by nightfall.</p>
SEAS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet up to 8 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Gulf Stream: Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.</p>
SWELLS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate southeast to southerly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.</p>
WEATHER:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 30-50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers.</p>

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	<p><i>Small craft advisory</i> in effect for area waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. <i>Small craft caution</i> in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters of the Central and Southeast Bahamas.</p>
WINDS:	<p>Northern Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts, decreasing 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by nightfall Tuesday.</p> <p>Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: North to northeast at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.</p>
SEAS:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Gulf Stream: Seas 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet.</p>
SWELLS:	<p>Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate north to northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.</p> <p>Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.</p>
WEATHER:	<p>All Areas: 20-30% chance of showers.</p>

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