



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

Rip Currents: A *marginal* 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 and beaching conditions prevail across the island chain as high pressure remains the dominant weather feature. Meanwhile, a dissipating trough continues to support a few patchy showers across portions of the area.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: A late-season cold front will move into the Northern Bahamas, resulting in an increase in cloudiness, showers and thunderstorms, along with moderate to strong breezes and building seas, particularly across Atlantic-exposed waters and passages. This will lead to a deterioration in marine conditions across the island chain through the remainder of the work week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 knots or less.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters.
GULF STREAM: Seas less than 2 feet or less.
SWELLS: Slight 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: *None.*
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 knots or less.
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: 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 tonight, decreasing to 10 knots or less on Sunday.
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):



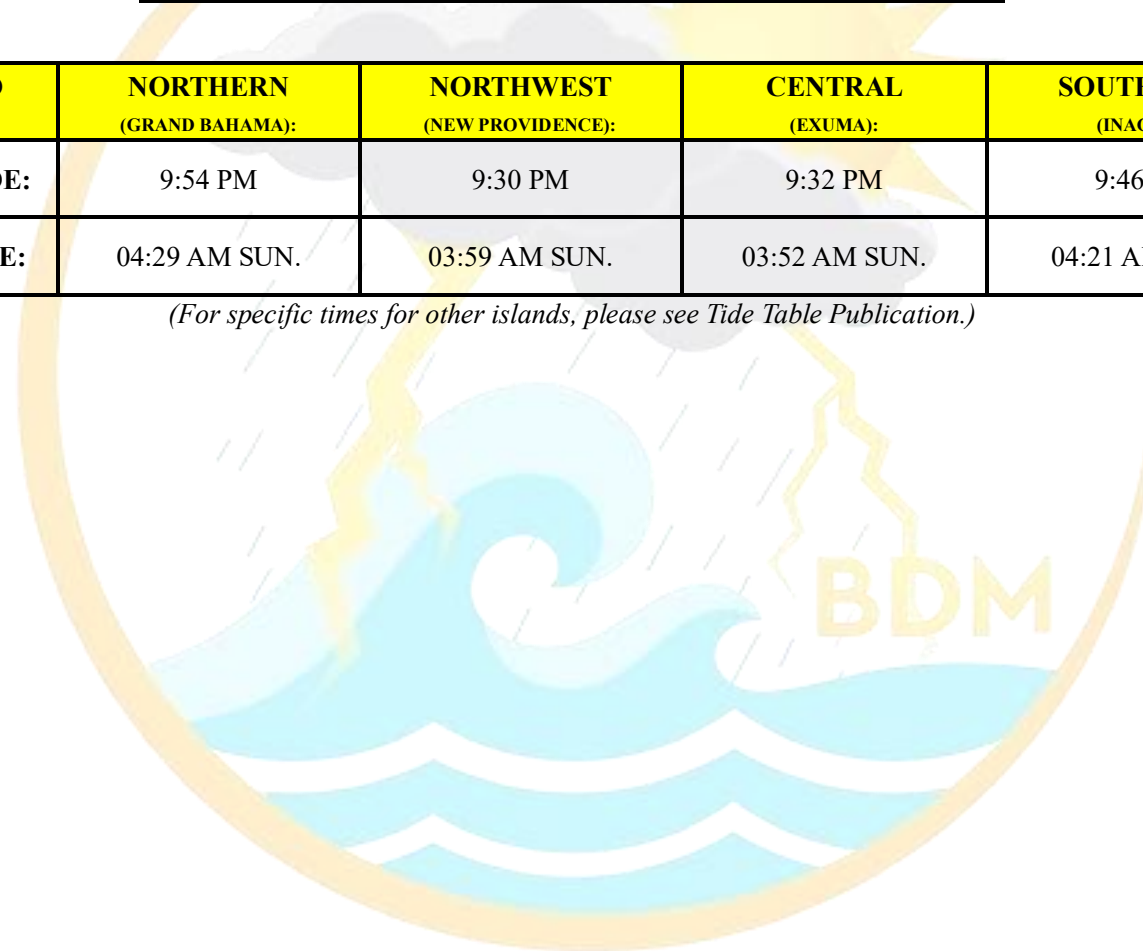
BAHMET 23/7B

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.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
9:12 PM	8:06 AM SUN.
Moon Phase NEW MOON	
First Quarter, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:31 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	9:54 PM	9:30 PM	9:32 PM	9:46 PM
LOW TIDE:	04:29 AM SUN.	03:59 AM SUN.	03:52 AM SUN.	04:21 AM SUN.

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



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

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

WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** Light and variable becoming north to northeast at 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 to 25 knots Monday afternoon, and 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force late Monday night.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 knots or less, backing northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots Monday afternoon, increasing 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force late Monday night.
Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots.

SEAS: **Northern & 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 2 to 4 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 2 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet during the day; seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet, building to 9 to 12 feet, occasionally to 15 feet after midnight.

SWELLS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Slight easterly swells during the day; moderate to large north and easterly 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.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2026:

ADVISORY: *Gale Warning (34-40 knots)* is in effect across all area waters of the island chain. *Boaters, particularly small craft operators, are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WINDS: **Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas:** Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely.
Southeast Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots, increasing 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force likely by nightfall Tuesday.
Northern, Northwest & Central Bahamas: 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Southeast Bahamas:** 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 5 to 7 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: Seas 9 to 12 feet, occasionally to 15 feet; seas 7 to 10 feet, occasionally to 13 feet Tuesday night.

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

WEATHER: **Northern Bahamas:** 20-40% chance of scattered showers during the morning hours, decreasing to 10-20% by afternoon.
Northwest & Central Bahamas: 30-50% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
Southeast Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers.

THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY

Email: forecast.office@gmail.com or meteo@batelnet.bs



FORECASTER: TC/TT

(Please view our products on our Bahama Meteorology Facebook Page or our website, met.gov.bs.)