



BAHMET 23/7B

BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 05TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EST.

A **GALE (34-40 knots) WARNING** and **Wind Advisory** is in effect for the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas. A **NEAR GALE (28-33 knots) WARNING** is now in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. *Therefore, boaters, especially small craft operators, across ALL areas are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port until further notice.*

A **Severe Weather Watch** is in effect for portions of the Central Bahamas (mainly the islands of Long Island, San Salvador and Rum Cay along with neighboring cays) and the entire Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands, until midnight.

WARNINGS:

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

Coastal Threats: There is a **minor to moderate threat** of beach erosion and coastal flooding for all shorelines, especially in areas that have already been severely impacted this past weekend. Motorists and pedestrians are urged to continue to exercise caution while traversing these areas due to the possibility of overtopping waves, sea spray and coastal debris, especially during high tide.

A strong cold front moving into the Northern Bahamas this evening will support periods of shower activity across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas through tonight before merging with a surface trough over the Southeastern islands tonight. In the wake of the front, strong to occasionally gale-force wind gusts are expected to spread across the island chain, building seas and creating hazardous boating and beaching conditions.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: Strong winds will persist on Friday, with a lighter wind regime coming into effect across portions of the Bahamas as the low pulls into the northern Atlantic. A secondary low, and a reinforcing cold front moving into the forecast area Saturday will result in dangerous maritime conditions remaining in place over Atlantic waters throughout the weekend.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WARNING** is in effect for the Gulf Stream and across all areas. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WINDS: Northwest at 25 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force likely tonight, decreasing to 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts Friday night.

LOCAL SEAS: 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

GULF STREAM: Seas 6 to 9 feet, occasionally to 11 feet tonight; seas 6 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet Friday.

SWELLS: Moderate to large northwest to northerly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 10-20% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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



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ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WARNING** is in effect across all areas. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port.*

WINDS: Northwest at 25 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force likely tonight, decreasing to 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts Friday night.

LOCAL SEAS: 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to large northwest to northerly 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: **GALE (34-40 knots) WARNING** is in effect across all areas. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: West to northwest at 15 to 25 knots, increasing 20 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force likely late tonight, decreasing 15 to 25 knots Friday night.

LOCAL SEAS: 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: Moderate to large northwesterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 40-60% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to 20-30% late tonight.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **NEAR GALE (28-33 knots) WARNING** is in effect across all areas. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: West to northwest at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force likely tonight, decreasing 15 to 25 knots Friday night.

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

SWELLS: Moderate to large northwesterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 50-60% chance of showers with thunderstorms, decreasing to 10-20% on Friday.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
9:46 PM	9:37 AM FRI.
Moon Phase FULL MOON	
Third Quarter, on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:43 AM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:00 PM	10:36 PM	10:38 PM	10:52 PM
LOW TIDE:	5:19AM FRI.	4:49 AM FRI.	4:42 AM FRI.	5:11 AM FRI.

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



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 07TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: *Small craft advisory* in effect for **ALL** Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain. *Small craft caution* in effect for **ALL** local waters of the island chain.

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** Northwest to north at 20 to 25 knots with higher gusts, decreasing 15 to 20 knots by nightfall.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Northwesterly at 15 knots, decreasing 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts by nightfall.

SEAS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.
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 6 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet.

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

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 08TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: *Small craft advisory* in effect for **ALL** Atlantic-exposed waters of the island chain. *Small craft caution* in effect for **ALL** local waters of the island chain.

WINDS: **All Areas:** North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
All Areas: 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 7 to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Gulf Stream:** Seas 5 to 7 feet, occasionally to 9 feet.

SWELLS: **All Areas:** Moderate to large north to northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

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