



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

Rip Currents & Rough Surf: A *moderate* risk of dangerous, life-threatening rip currents and moderate to rough surf persists along all Atlantic-exposed beaches and passages across the island chain. *Beachgoers and swimmers are strongly advised to remain out of the water.*

GENERAL SITUATION:

Generally favorable boating conditions are expected throughout the forecast period as strong high pressure dominates the weather pattern across the island chain. Meanwhile, a weak surface trough near the Central and Southeast Bahamas will support a few brief passing showers as it drifts westward through tonight.

OUTLOOK: The trough will continue to weaken on Friday; however, lingering moisture associated with the decaying feature will continue to support a few isolated to spotty showers across the island chain through the weekend. Winds and seas will gradually ease during this period, though locally higher conditions may persist across Atlantic-exposed waters and open passages. By late Monday into early Tuesday, another frontal boundary is expected to move into the Northern Bahamas, bringing an increase in shower activity along with fresh to strong breezes, cooler temperatures and building seas. This will result in deteriorating marine conditions across the island chain into the early part of the week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** *Small craft caution* is in effect for the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
- LOCAL SEAS:** 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:** Slight to moderate northeast to 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 the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
- 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 to moderate northeast to 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 the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots tonight, becoming easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts on Friday.
- 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 to moderate northeast to 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 the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WINDS:** Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots tonight, becoming easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts on Friday.
- 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 to moderate northeast to easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** 20-30% chance of showers or an isolated thunderstorm.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
6:56 PM	6:34 AM FRI.
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:	8:19 PM	7:55 PM	7:57 PM	8:11 PM
LOW TIDE:	02:49 AM FRI.	02:19 AM FRI.	02:12 AM FRI.	02:41 AM FRI.

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



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: *None.*
Northern Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, becoming easterly at 10 knots or less Saturday afternoon.

WINDS: **Northwest Bahamas:** Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, occasionally falling light and variable at times.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
All Areas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Gulf Stream:** Seas around 2 feet.

SWELLS: **All Areas:** Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

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

ADVISORY: *None.*
Northern Bahamas: Variable at 10 knots or less.

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

SEAS: **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.

SWELLS: **All Areas:** Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

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