



BAHMET 23/7B

BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04TH, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EST.

WARNINGS:

GALE (34-40 knots) WATCH is in effect for ALL area waters of the island chain. Occasional gusts to gale force are possible across ALL area waters of the island chain **from 12 noon Thursday through 12 noon Friday.** Therefore, **boaters, especially small craft operators, across ALL areas are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port from 8 am Thursday until further notice.**

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

Weakening high pressure over the Florida peninsula will support light and occasionally variable winds and slight to moderate seas through tonight, with brief showers possible from pockets of Atlantic moisture streaming across the island chain.

GENERAL SITUATION:

OUTLOOK: Hazardous marine conditions will return Thursday as a cold front enters the Northern Bahamas, bringing fresh to strong, occasionally near-gale-force winds, building to rough seas, and scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms throughout the island chain. Friday into the weekend, winds will quickly diminish to fresh to moderate breezes as cooler, more stable conditions develop; however, lingering swells may keep Atlantic and Gulf Stream waters choppy before gradual improvement later in the weekend.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WATCH** is in effect for the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters. ***Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port from 8 am Thursday.***

WINDS: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots tonight, shifting west to northwest at 15 to 20 knots Thursday afternoon, increasing 20 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force possible behind the front Thursday evening.

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 2 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet tonight; seas 2 to 4 feet, occasionally to 5 feet, building to 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet Thursday afternoon.

SWELLS: Slight northeasterly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WATCH** is in effect. ***Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port from 8 am Thursday.***

WINDS: South to southwest at 10 knots or less tonight, shifting west to northwest at 15 to 20 knots Thursday afternoon, increasing 20 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force possible by nightfall Thursday.

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 northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 20-30% chance of showers.



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CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WATCH** is in effect. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port from 8 am Thursday.*

WINDS: Variable at 10 knots or less, shifting southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots Thursday afternoon, then west to northwest at 20 to 30 knots with gusts to gale force possible by nightfall Thursday.

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 northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-50% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: **GALE (34-40 knots) WATCH** is in effect. *Small craft operators are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port from 8 am Thursday.*

WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots tonight, occasionally falling light and variable at times, shifting south to southwest at 10 to 15 knots; west to northwest at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts by nightfall, increasing 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force possible after midnight.

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 northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: 30-50% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
8:51 PM	9:06 AM THU.
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:	10:14 PM	9:50 PM	9:52 PM	10:06 PM
LOW TIDE:	4:31AM THU.	4:01 AM THU.	3:54 AM THU.	4:23 AM THU.

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



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 06TH, 2026:

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

WINDS: **All Areas:** Northwest at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force possible, decreasing to 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts Friday afternoon.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 4 to 6 feet nearshore waters, 6 to 8 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 8 to 10 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 6 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate to large northwest to northerly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Moderate to large northwesterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers.

WEATHER: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** 30-40% chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms.

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:** Northwesterly at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Northwesterly at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SEAS: **Central & 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 5 to 8 feet, occasionally to 10 feet.
Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Moderate northwest to northerly swells over the Gulf Stream and Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS: **Central & Southeast Bahamas:** Moderate northwest to northerly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.

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

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