



BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST

BAHAMAS PUBLIC FORECAST FOR TONIGHT AND THE NEXT SIX (6) DAYS, ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT, Sunday, October 18, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNING EFFECT: IN A *Near Gale (28-33 knots) Warning* is in effect for the Northern Bahamas. Occasional gusts to near gale force are possible across the warning areas. Boaters, especially small craft, should remain in port. Please see the *Special Weather Statement* and *Marine forecast* for more information regarding severe weather and hazardous marine conditions that will persist through midweek.

GENERAL SITUATION: A cold front and its associated pre-frontal trough will continue to generate widespread cloudiness, scattered showers, and isolated thunderstorms, mainly across the northern half of the country. The boundary is expected to gradually move southward through Monday, increasing the likelihood of showers and thunderstorms across the Central Bahamas. Meanwhile, strengthening high pressure behind the front will produce **strong** winds, particularly across the Northern Bahamas, from tonight through Monday afternoon. Conditions across the northern islands are expected to gradually improve as drier air filters into the area.

Outlook: Weather conditions are expected to gradually improve across the northern half of the country through midweek as high pressure builds and a drier air mass moves into the area, resulting in mainly isolated shower activity. Meanwhile, the aforementioned frontal boundary will drift farther southward, bringing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Toward the end of the workweek, the boundary is expected to regress northward as a mid- to upper-level trough approaches from the west. This disturbance, along with its associated moisture, could bring another period of unsettled weather to The Bahamas by the weekend.

Severe Thunderstorm Risk: There is a *moderate* risk for a few isolated strong to severe thunderstorms across portions of the **Northwest and Central Bahamas** tonight through Monday. These storms could produce strong gusty winds, frequent lightning, heavy downpours, and waterspout activity. *Mariners should remain vigilant, stay updated on all severe weather warnings issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology, and be prepared to seek safe harbour should conditions worsen.*

SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES: **Rip Currents:** There is a *moderate* to *high* risk of dangerous rip currents across ALL waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. A *slight* to *moderate* risk exists elsewhere. *Beachgoers in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas should continue to exercise extreme caution and should refrain from entering the water.*

Flooding: There is a *moderate* to *high* risk of localized flooding across portions of the **Northwest and Central Bahamas** through tonight, mainly in low-lying, flood prone and urban areas during heavy rainfall events.

Coastal Hazards: Motorists and pedestrians across the **Northern Bahamas** are advised to exercise caution while traversing coastal roads due to possible overtopping waves and sea spray, especially during the high tide cycle.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):			
SKY CONDITIONS:	Variably cloudy tonight with a mix of sun and clouds tomorrow.		
PRECIPITATION:	30 – 40% chance of isolated showers tonight, decreasing to a 10 – 20% chance of showers on Monday.		
WINDS:	Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near gale force at times tonight, decreasing to 15 to 25 knots tomorrow.		
TEMPERATURES:	MAXIMUM:	MINIMUM:	HEAT INDEX:
	79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C	73°F – 77°F / 23°C – 25°C	N/A



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

SKY CONDITIONS: Mostly cloudy to occasionally overcast.
PRECIPITATION: 50 – 70% chance of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms tonight, decreasing to a 30 – 50% chance of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms on Monday.
WINDS: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots late tonight through tomorrow.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
79°F – 84°F / 26°C – 29°C 74°F – 79°F / 24°C – 26°C N/A

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly cloudy to cloudy.
PRECIPITATION: 30 – 40% chance of showers with thunderstorms tonight, increasing to a 40 – 60% chance by Monday afternoon.
WINDS: Northeast to east at 10 – 15 knots tonight through tomorrow.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 91°F / 31°C – 33°C 77°F – 81°F / 25°C – 27°C N/A

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

SKY CONDITIONS: Partly cloudy tonight through tomorrow.
PRECIPITATION: 10 – 30% chance of showers tonight increasing to a 20 – 30% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms on Monday.
WINDS: East-northeast to east-southeast at 10 knots tonight through tomorrow.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
88°F – 91°F / 31°C – 33°C 77°F – 81°F / 25°C – 27°C 100°F – 104°F / 38°C – 40°C

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Off the East Coast of the United States: A storm-force, non-tropical low pressure area expected to form later today off the southeast coast of the US has a *low, or 30 percent chance of tropical cyclone formation through the next seven days.*

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: **Northern Bahamas:** Partly to mostly sunny during the day, becoming fair at night.
Northwest Bahamas: Mix of sun and clouds during the day, becoming mainly fair at night.
Elsewhere: Mostly cloudy.
PRECIPITATION: **Northern Bahamas:** 10 - 20% chance of showers.
Northwest Bahamas: 20 – 30% chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms.
Central Bahamas: 40 - 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms. *Some showers may become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe at times.*
Southeast Bahamas: 20 - 30% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms possible.
WINDS: **Northern Bahamas:** North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots.
Northwest and Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 90°F / 29°C – 32°C 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C N/A



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Partly sunny during the day, becoming mainly fair at night.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

PRECIPITATION: Central and Southeast Bahamas: 40 - 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 10 - 20% chance of a few stray showers.

WINDS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 - 20 knots.
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 – 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
82°F – 88°F / 28°C – 31°C 72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: All Areas: Variably cloudy.

PRECIPITATION: Central and Southeast Bahamas: 30 to 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 10% chance of stray showers.

WINDS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots.
Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: Variable at 10 knots or less.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C 72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: All areas: Variably cloudy.

PRECIPITATION: Central and Southeast Bahamas: 40 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms. *Showers can become heavy and thunderstorms strong to severe.*
Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers with isolated thunderstorms.
Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 15 to 20 knots.
Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at 15 knots.

WINDS: Southeast Bahamas: Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, becoming northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots, with gusts strong to near gale force. Winds are expected to shift Southeast to south at 15 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force mainly across the western waters including Turks and Caicos Islands.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C 72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: All areas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

PRECIPITATION: All areas: 40 to 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms.

WINDS: Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots.
Southeast Bahamas: South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
84°F – 88°F / 29°C – 31°C 72°F – 79°F / 22°C – 26°C N/A

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026:

SKY CONDITIONS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Partly cloudy to cloudy.
Elsewhere: Mix of sun and clouds.

PRECIPITATION: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 40 to 60% chance of showers with thunderstorms.
Elsewhere: 20 – 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS: Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Northeasterly at 20 to 25 knots with *gusts to near gale force at times.*
Central and Southeast Bahamas: Southwest to west at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

TEMPERATURES: **MAXIMUM:** **MINIMUM:** **HEAT INDEX:**
79°F – 86°F / 26°C – 30°C 73°F – 79°F / 23°C – 26°C N/A



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SUNSET:	SUNRISE:	MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
6:38 PM	7:10 AM _{MON}	2:41 PM _{MON}	12:52 AM _{MON}

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