



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 06:00 P.M. EDT, **MONDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025**, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 06:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS:

A **marginal** threat of isolated strong to possibly severe thunderstorms is in place throughout the forecast period, for all waters. These storms have the potential to produce strong gusty winds, heavy downpours, low visibility, frequent lightning, choppy seas, and possibly waterspout activity. Mariners/boaters are urged to remain vigilant and prepare to seek a safe harbour immediately.

There is a **high** risk of rip currents for all Atlantic-exposed coastal waters and a **moderate** risk of rip currents for east-facing coastal waters not directly exposed to the Atlantic; therefore, beachgoers and sea bathers are urged to exercise **extreme caution**. Rip currents are dangerous and can sweep away strong swimmers.

Mariners and boaters are urged to exercise caution in Atlantic-exposed waters due to swell

GENERAL SITUATION:

A weak frontal trough straddling the Northwest-Central Bahamas gradually lifts northward late Tuesday before stalling across the Northern Bahamas on Thursday. Isolated pockets of showers and thunderstorms remain possible across the entire chain of islands through Tuesday. However, as the frontal trough begins to lift northward, increased showers and thunderstorms are likely, especially across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas beginning late Tuesday night and lasting until the weekend. Meanwhile, Atlantic ridging across the islands supports a gentle to moderate breeze across the northern half of the country and a moderate to sometimes fresh breeze across the southern half of the country.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or heavy showers.

WINDS:

Easterly, 5 to 10 knots tonight; northeast to east, 10 knots during the morning hours, increasing to 10 to 15 knots in the afternoon through night.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 feet or less in near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 3 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.

GULF STREAM:

3 to 5 feet with occasional peaks to 6 feet

SWELLS:

Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

WEATHER:

There is a **low** to **medium** chance (**30%-40%**) of isolated showers and thunderstorms in all waters

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or heavy showers.

WINDS:

Easterly, 10 knots or less tonight; northeast to east, 10 to 15 knots Tuesday; easterly, 10 to 15 knots at night.

SEAS:

2 feet or less in the near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 3 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

PRECIPITATION:

There is a **low** to **medium** chance (**30%-40%**) of isolated showers and thunderstorms in all waters

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or heavy showers.

WINDS:

Easterly, 10 to 15 knots tonight through Tuesday, increasing to 15 knots at night.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 feet or less in the near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

WEATHER:

There is a **low** to **medium** chance (**30%-40%**) of isolated showers and thunderstorms in all waters

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A **small craft caution** is in effect. Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or heavy showers.

WINDS:

East to southeast, 15 to 20 knots.

LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 3 feet in the near-shore sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters.

SWELLS:

Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters



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MOONRISE:	SET
12:44 A.M. Tues.	04:06 P.M. Tues.
MOON PHASE Third (Last) Quarter	
New Moon 21 September @ 03:54 P.M.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	10:25 P.M.	09:55 P.M.	09:48 P.M.	10:17 P.M.
HIGH TIDE:	04:08 A.M. Tues.	03:44 A.M. Tues.	03:46 A.M. Tues.	04:00 A.M. Tues.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

The North Atlantic hurricane season runs from **01 June to 30 November**. Most of the activity tends to occur between **mid-August and mid-October**. Early preparation is key!
A broad area of low pressure located in the central tropical North Atlantic has become better organized. As the system moves west-northwestward (WNW) over the next several days, it is expected to encounter a favourable environment, and a tropical depression/storm is likely to form by the end of the work week.
There is a **medium** chance (~**50%**) of formation through **two (2) days** and a **high** chance (~**90%**) of formation through **seven (7) days**.
Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is NOT expected during the next seven (7) days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** remains in effect for the Southeast Bahamas. During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Easterly, 10 to 15 knots. **Central Bahamas:** Easterly, 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 knots at night. **Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly, 15 knots during the day, increasing to 15 to 20 knots at night
SEAS: **Northern and Northwest:** 2 feet or less in near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters
Central Bahamas: 1 to 3 feet in the near-shore sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in offshore sheltered waters and Atlantic exposed waters.
Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 3 feet in the near-shore sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. **Gulf Stream:** 3 to 5 feet with occasional peaks to 6 feet
SWELLS: Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters
PRECIPITATION: There is a **medium-to-high** chance (**50%-70%**) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** is in effect for the Atlantic-exposed waters in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or heavy showers.
WINDS: **Northern and Northwest Bahamas:** Easterly, 10 to 15 knots. **Central and Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly, 15 knots but gusty at times.
SEAS: **Northern and Northwest:** 2 feet or less in near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters
Central and Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 3 feet in the near-shore sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in offshore sheltered waters and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
Gulf Stream: 2 to 4 feet with occasional peaks to 5 feet
SWELLS: Light north to northeast swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters
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