



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW

WARNINGS: A **gale watch** comes into effect at 06:00P.M. Wednesday for the Northern Bahamas and 6:00A.M. Thursday for the Northwest Bahamas. **Small craft** are urged to seek safe harbour and remain in port by 6:00 P.M. Wednesday in the Northern Bahamas and by 6:00 A.M. Thursday in the Northwest Bahamas. **Minor** coastal flooding is likely along the north and east coast especially during high tides tonight, and **slight coastal** flooding on Wednesday mainly during high tides. A **high risk** of rip-currents for the Northern Bahamas and a **moderate risk elsewhere**. There is a **marginal threat** of waterspout or funnel cloud activity as well as frequent lightning mainly over the Northwest and Central islands. Gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely near or in thunderstorms or showers.

GENERAL SITUATION: A frontal trough across the Central Bahamas will continue to generate showers and thunderstorms across local waters in those islands. Meanwhile a cold front is expected to move into the Northern Bahamas on Wednesday afternoon and race southeastward before stalling in the Central Bahamas Thursday. By Friday, the stalled boundary will begin to lift northward further enhancing showers and thunderstorms chances across the Northwest and Northern Bahamas. A strong high-pressure centre across central US will slide eastward in wake of the frontal passage ushering in windy and hazardous marine conditions beginning Wednesday night in the Northern Bahamas and lasting for several days

NORTHERN BAHAMAS (INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS)

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** comes into effect noon Wednesday and a **small craft advisory** takes effect 6:00 pm Wednesday

WINDS: East to southeast 5 to 10 knots through Wednesday morning becoming northerly 15 to 20 knots in the afternoon then increasing to 20 to 25 knots Tuesday night with gusts near or beyond gale.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less in sheltered nearshore waters: 2 to 3 feet in sheltered coastal waters: 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters, and around 2 feet in the Gulf Stream through Wednesday morning. **Seas:** 2 to 4 feet in sheltered nearshore waters: 4 to 6 feet in sheltered coastal and Atlantic exposed waters, and 3 to 5 feet in the Gulf Stream Wednesday afternoon but **building** over all waters **at night**

SWELLS: No significant swell.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and a slim chance of an isolated thunderstorm

OUTLOOK: **Thursday:** A **gale watch**, and **small craft advisory** are in effect, small craft are urged to remain in ports. Strong northeast winds with gusts near or beyond gale: moderate waves in sheltered nearshore waters and large waves elsewhere.

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

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** comes into effect 06:00 PM Wednesday

WINDS: East to southeast 5 to 10 tonight becoming southeast to south 5 to 10 knots Wednesday morning and northerly 10 to 15 knots Wednesday afternoon before increasing to 15 to 20 knots at night.

LOCAL SEAS: Less than 2 feet in sheltered nearshore waters: 2 to 3 feet in sheltered coastal waters: 2 to 4 feet in Atlantic exposed waters through Wednesday afternoon but **building** over all waters **at night**

SWELLS: No significant swell

WEATHER: Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms

OUTLOOK: **Thursday:** A **gale watch**, and **small craft advisory** are in effect, small craft are urged to remain in ports. Fresh to strong northeast winds with gusts near or beyond gale at times: moderate waves in sheltered nearshore waters and large waves elsewhere

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

ADVISORY: None

WINDS: East to southeast 10 to 15 knots tonight becoming southeast to south 10 to 15 knots Wednesday morning but falling light and variable at times then north to northeast 5 to 10 knots in the afternoon

LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less in sheltered nearshore waters: 2 to 4 feet in sheltered coastal waters: 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters

SWELLS: Slight northeast and east swell

WEATHER: Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms



OUTLOOK: **Thursday:** A **small craft caution** comes into effect at **noon**, small craft are urged not to venture far from ports. Gentle northeast to east winds in the morning becoming moderate in the afternoon and gusty: **large wavelets** over all local waters during the **morning** hours: small waves in sheltered nearshore waters and moderate waves or elsewhere during the afternoon. **Winds and seas increase at night**

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: None
WINDS: Southeast 15 knots but gusty at times but occasionally light and variable Wednesday afternoon
LOCAL SEAS: 2 feet or less in sheltered nearshore waters: 2 to 4 feet in sheltered coastal waters: 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters.
SWELLS: Slight northeast and east swell
WEATHER: Isolated showers and thunderstorms
OUTLOOK: **Thursday:** A **small craft caution** comes into effect at 06:00 pm, small craft are urged not to venture far from ports. Gentle to moderate east to southeast winds through the afternoon then fresh northeast to east wind in the evening and overnight: small waves over all waters through afternoon building to moderate waters in the evening

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
06:05 A.M. Wed.	06:11 P.M. Wed.
MOON PHASE First Quarter	
Full Moon (17 October 2024 @ 07:26 A.M.)	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	07:08 P.M.	06:44 P.M.	07:33 P.M.	07:00 P.M.
LOW TIDE:	01:31 A.M. Wed.	01:01 A.M. Wed.	01:56 A.M. Wed.	01:23 A.M. Wed.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

- Disorganized showers and thunderstorms in the central tropical Atlantic are associated with an area of low pressure. Gradual development of this system is possible near the latter part of this week. This system has a **low** (~30%) to **medium** (~50%) chance of formation through **two** (2) to **seven** (7) days as it moves west-northwest (WNW).
- A broad area of low pressure in the southern Caribbean Sea is producing an area of showers and thunderstorms. This system has a **low chance** (~20%) of formation through seven (7) days as it moves northwestward (NW) towards Central America.
- Elsewhere, **tropical cyclone** formation is **not** expected during the next **seven** (7) days.

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