



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 06:00 P.M. EDT, **TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025**, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 06:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS:

The **threat** of strong to possibly severe thunderstorms **nudge up** for the second half of the work week for all waters (tonight until Friday night). These storms have the potential to produce damaging winds, heavy downpours, low visibility, frequent lightning, choppy seas, and possibly waterspout activity. Mariners/boaters are urged to remain vigilant and prepare to seek shelter/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 slow, northward lifting frontal boundary near the Northwest-Central Bahamas, along with increasing warm, deep tropical moisture and the support of a mid-to-upper-level trough, sets up an environment ripe for numerous showers and thunderstorms beginning tonight until Saturday. Meanwhile, Atlantic ridging across the islands supports a 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: During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely

WINDS: Easterly, 10 knots or less tonight through Wednesday afternoon; northeast to east, 10 to 15 knots Wednesday evening but gusty at times, especially in the Northwest Providence Channel.

LOCAL SEAS: 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

GULF STREAM: 3 to 5 feet

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

WEATHER: There is a **medium-to-high** chance (50%-70%) of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely

WINDS: Easterly, 10 to 15 knots, becoming gusty Wednesday evening and night, especially in the Northwest Providence Channel and the northern Great Bahama Bank.

SEAS: 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

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.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely

WINDS: Easterly, 10 to 15 knots, increasing to 15 knots at night and rather gusty in all waters

LOCAL SEAS: 1 to 3 feet in the near-shore sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet in offshore sheltered waters and Atlantic exposed waters.

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

WEATHER: There is a **medium** chance (40%-50%) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** is in effect. During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely.

WINDS: Easterly, 15 to 20 knots tonight; easterly, 15 knots Wednesday, increasing to 15 to 20 knots at night and gusty at times in all waters

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

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



BAHMET 23/7C

MOONRISE:	SET
02:52 A.M. Wed.	04:40 P.M. Wed.
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:	11:31 P.M.	11:01 P.M.	10:54 P.M.	11:23 P.M.
HIGH TIDE:	05:17 A.M. Wed.	04:53 A.M. Wed.	04:55 A.M. Wed.	05:09 A.M. Wed.

(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 continues to become better organized. As the system moves west-northwestward (WNW) or northwest (NW) 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 **high** chance (~90%) of formation through **two (2) days** and a **high** chance (~90%) of formation through **seven (7) days**.

Disorganized showers and thunderstorms in the far eastern tropical North Atlantic are associated with a tropical wave that has emerged from the west coast of Africa. This system has a **low** chance (~20%) of formation through seven (7) days as it moves westward.

Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is NOT expected during the next seven (7) days.

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 in the Atlantic waters.

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

SEAS:

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 3 feet

SWELLS:

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

PRECIPITATION:

There is a **high** chance (70%-80%) of numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms in the Northern, Northwest, and Central Bahamas and a **low-to-medium** chance (30%-40%) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the Southeast Bahamas.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

ADVISORY:

A **small craft caution** continues for the Atlantic-exposed waters in the Central and Southeast Bahamas. During thunderstorms or heavy showers, gusty winds, higher seas, and reduced visibility are likely.

Northern Bahamas: Easterly, 10 to 15 knots.

WINDS:

Northwest Bahamas: East-northeast (ENE) to east-southeast (ESE), 10 to 15 knots

Central Bahamas: East to southeast, 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times

Southeast Bahamas: Easterly, 10 to 15 knots, but gusty in Atlantic waters

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

SEAS:

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 3 feet

SWELLS:

Light northeast to east 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.

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