



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 06:00 P.M. EDT, **WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025**, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 06:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS:

A **slight** threat of strong to possibly severe thunderstorms continues for ALL area waters through Friday. 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.

GENERAL SITUATION:

The **high** risk of rip currents remains in place for all Atlantic-exposed coastal waters, with 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**. Mariners and boaters are urged to exercise caution in Atlantic-exposed waters due to swell. Numerous rounds of showers and scattered thunderstorms impact local waters throughout the forecast period courtesy of a slow, northward lifting frontal trough across the Northwest Bahamas, deep tropical moisture and a mid-to-upper-level trough working in tandem. 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 to 15 knots, but quite gusty at times in all waters

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 tonight; 2 to 3 feet on Thursday

SWELLS:

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

WEATHER:

There is a **medium** to **high** chance (**60%-70%**) of scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms

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 to 15 knots, but quite gusty at times in all waters.

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:

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

PRECIPITATION:

There is a **high** chance (**70%-80%**) of scattered to numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms

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 but gusty at times, especially in the Atlantic waters

LOCAL SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

Slight 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.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

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

WINDS:

Easterly, 15 knots tonight, decreasing to 10 to 15 knots on Thursday, but occasionally gusty at times in all waters.

LOCAL SEAS:

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.

SWELLS:

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

WEATHER:

There is a **low** chance (**20%-30%**) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.



MOONRISE:	MOONSET
03:55 A.M. Thurs.	05:29 P.M. Thurs.
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:	12:28 A.M. Thurs.	11:58 P.M.	11:51 P.M.	12:20 A.M. Thurs.
HIGH TIDE:	06:17 A.M. Thurs.	05:53 A.M. Thurs.	05:55 A.M. Thurs.	06:09 A.M. Thurs.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

There are three areas of interest:

1. Tropical Storm Gabrielle, at 05:00 pm EDT, was located near latitude 19.4° degrees north and longitude 48.0° degree west or about 990 miles east of the Northern Leeward Islands. Gabrielle is moving toward the northwest (NW) at 14 miles per hour and has sustained maximum winds near 50 miles per hour with higher gusts.
2. Disorganized showers and thunderstorms near the Cabo Verde Islands in the eastern tropical North Atlantic are associated with a tropical wave. This system has a **low** chance (~20%) of formation through seven (7) days as it moves westward.
3. On Friday, a tropical wave is forecast to move off the west coast of Africa. Should this materialize, this system has a **low** chance (~20%) of formation through seven (7) days as it moves west-northwest across the eastern tropical Atlantic.

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

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

ADVISORY: A **small craft caution** continues for the Atlantic-exposed waters in 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, falling light and variable at times. **Central** and **Southeast** Bahamas: East to southeast, 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest** and **Central** Bahamas: Less than 2 feet in near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 3 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters. **Southeast** Bahamas: 2 feet or less in the near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic exposed waters. **Gulf Stream**: 2 to 3 feet during the day and 3 to 5 feet at night

SWELLS: Light east swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

PRECIPITATION: There is a **medium** chance (40%-60%) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025:

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

WINDS: **Northern** Bahamas: Northeast to east, 5 to 10 knots west of the low and east to southeast, 5 to 10 knots east of the low during the day; easterly, 10 to 15 knots at night. **Northwest** Bahamas: East to southeast, 10 knots or less in the morning; northeast to east, 10 knots or less in the afternoon; easterly, 10 to 15 knots at night. **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

SEAS: **Northern, Northwest** and **Central** Bahamas: Less than 2 feet in near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 3 feet in offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic exposed waters. **Southeast** Bahamas: 2 feet or less in the near-shore sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered waters and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic exposed waters. **Gulf Stream**: 3 to 5 feet

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