



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT, **THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025**, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:

A **marginal** threat of isolated strong thunderstorms is in place for area waters throughout the forecast period. These storms have the potential to produce strong gusty winds, heavy downpours, low visibility, frequent lightning, choppy seas, and possibly waterspout or funnel cloud activity.

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 should remain alert and exercise caution in the Atlantic waters due to swell

GENERAL SITUATION:

A weak, stalled, frontal trough and its associated low-pressure centre across the Northern Bahamas, coupled with deep tropical moisture and aided by a mid-to-upper-level trough, continues to generate periods of showers and thunderstorms mainly across the northern half of the country. Meanwhile, Atlantic ridging north of the islands supports a gentle to sometimes moderate breeze through the remainder of the work week and the weekend.

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:

Northeast to east, 10 to 15 knots this afternoon and a bit gusty at times; east to southeast, 10 to 15 knots tonight, falling light and variable at times, but a bit gusty at times in Atlantic waters

LOCAL SEAS:

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

GULF STREAM:

2 to 3 feet

SWELLS:

Light east swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

WEATHER:

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

East to southeast, 10 knots or less, but a bit gusty at times in Atlantic waters

SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

Light east swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters

PRECIPITATION:

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

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:

East to southeast, 10 to 15 knots, occasionally light and variable at times, but gusty in Atlantic waters

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

WINDS:

Easterly, 10 to 15 knots, but gusty in Atlantic waters

LOCAL SEAS:

1 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:

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

WEATHER:

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



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
05:29 P.M..	04:53 A.M. Fri.
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:	12:31 P.M.	12:01 P.M.	11:54 P.M.	12:23 P.M.
HIGH TIDE:	06:45 P.M.	06:21 P.M.	06:23 P.M.	06:37 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

There are **two areas** of interest:

- Tropical Storm Gabrielle**, at 1100 am EDT, was located near latitude 20.3° degrees north and longitude 51.7° degree west or about 755 miles east-northeast (ENE) of the Northern Leeward Islands. Gabrielle is moving toward the west-northwest (WNW) at 15 miles per hour and has sustained maximum winds near 50 miles per hour with higher gusts.
- 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: Northwest to west, 5 to 10 knots west of the low pressure and southerly, 10 knots or less east of the low pressure, but gusty in Atlantic waters. Central and Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south, 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times in the afternoon; easterly, 10 to 15 knots at night, 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: 1 to 3 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
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 remains in effect 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: North to northeast, 5 to 10 knots, falling light and variable at times during the day; northeast to east, 10 knots or less at night. Northwest Bahamas: Northwest to west, 5 to 10 knots west of the low pressure and southerly, 10 knots or less east of the low pressure, falling light and variable at times during the day; east to southeast, 10 knots or less at night. Central and Southeast Bahamas: Southeast to south, 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times in the afternoon; easterly, 10 to 15 knots at night.
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
SWELLS:	Light east swell, mainly in Atlantic-exposed waters
PRECIPITATION:	There is a medium chance (40%-50%) of widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters.

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