



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT, Wednesday, November 6, 2024, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS: A **near gale warning** (28-33kt) is in effect for ALL area waters until **6:00am Thursday**. Hazardous marine continues to persist across all waters through tonight. **Small craft** are strongly urged to remain in port this afternoon through tonight and **NOT** venture into **Atlantic** or **Atlantic exposed** waters Thursday. Rough surf and dangerous rip currents will continue along east coastal waters (especially Atlantic exposures). **Boaters** (especially **small craft**) will once again be encouraged to seek and remain in a safe harbour by **6:00 pm Thursday** in the **Southeast Bahamas** and by **6:00 pm Friday** in the **Central, Northwest, and Northern Bahamas**.

GENERAL SITUATION: The pressure gradient between a broad eastward drifting high pressure east-northeast (ENE) of the area and hurricane Rafael near western Cuba will weaken a bit leading to slight decrease in winds across the islands Thursday. However, an active surface trough (area of low pressure) will approach the Southeast Bahamas Friday resulting in a resurgence of winds and hazardous marine conditions for the weekend.

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

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory remains in effect: a small craft caution comes into effect Thursday except for Atlantic waters where an advisory will continue*

WINDS: East to southeast 15 to 25 knots through tonight with **frequent gusts** to **near gale**: east to southeast 15 to 20 knots Thursday with occasional gusty periods

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 5 to 8 feet in open sheltered waters: 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed waters through tonight. 2 to 4 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 4 to 7 feet in open sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed water Thursday. 7 to 10 feet in the Gulf Stream through tonight and 5 to 8 Thursday

SWELLS: **Moderate** east swell

WEATHER: Isolated fast-moving showers and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms through tonight.

OUTLOOK: **Friday:** A **small craft advisory** continues for **Atlantic** waters and a **small craft caution** is in effect for **other local waters**. **Small craft** should seek and remain in a safe harbour by **6:00 pm Friday** evening. Moderate Easterly winds during the morning: fresh northeast to east breeze in the afternoon through night. Large wavelets in sheltered near-coastal waters: small waves in open sheltered waters: moderate waves Atlantic exposed waters: small waves in the Gulf Stream

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

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory remains in effect: a small craft caution comes into effect Thursday except for Atlantic waters where an advisory will continue*

WINDS: East to southeast 15 to 25 knots through tonight with **frequent gusts** to **near gale**: east to southeast 15 to 20 knots Thursday with occasional gusty periods

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 5 to 8 feet in open sheltered waters: 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed waters through tonight. 2 to 4 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 4 to 7 feet in open sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed water Thursday

SWELLS: **Moderate** east swell

WEATHER: Isolated fast-moving showers and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms this afternoon through tonight.

OUTLOOK: **Friday:** A **small craft advisory** continues for **Atlantic** waters and a **small craft caution** is in effect for **other local waters** during the day. **Small craft** should seek and remain in a safe harbour by **6:00 pm Friday** evening. Moderate Easterly winds during the morning: fresh northeast to east breeze in the afternoon through night. Small waves in sheltered near-coastal waters: small to moderate waves in open sheltered waters: moderate waves Atlantic exposed waters. Winds and seas will build overnight.

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

ADVISORY: *A small craft advisory remains in effect: a small craft caution comes into effect Thursday except for Atlantic waters where an advisory will continue.*

WINDS: Easterly 15 to 20 knots with **frequent gusts** to **near gale**

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 5 to 8 feet in open sheltered waters: 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed waters through tonight. 2 to 4 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 4 to 7 feet in open sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed water Thursday

SWELLS: **Moderate** east swell



WEATHER: Isolated fast-moving showers and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms this afternoon through tonight.

OUTLOOK: **Friday:** A **small craft advisory** continues for **Atlantic** waters, and a **small craft caution** is in effect for **other local waters** during the day. **Small craft** should seek and remain in a safe harbour by **6:00 pm Friday** evening. Fresh northeast to east winds through the afternoon: fresh to strong northeast winds Friday night with **gusts to near gale** at times. Small waves in sheltered near-coastal waters: small to moderate waves in open sheltered waters: moderate to large waves Atlantic exposed waters.

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

ADVISORY: *A **small craft advisory** is in effect: a **small craft caution** comes into effect on Thursday except for Atlantic waters where an advisory continues. An advisory return for all waters Thursday evening*

WINDS: Easterly 15 to 20 knots with **frequent gusts to near gale**

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 5 to 8 feet in open sheltered waters: 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed waters through tonight. 2 to 4 feet in sheltered near-coastal waters: 4 to 7 feet in open sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet in Atlantic exposed water Thursday

SWELLS: **Moderate** east swell

WEATHER: Isolated fast-moving showers and a slight chance of an isolated thunderstorm

OUTLOOK: **Friday:** A **small craft advisory** in effect for all waters therefore, **small craft** are urged to remain safe in the harbour. Strong northeast winds with **frequent gusts to near gale**. Small waves in sheltered near-coastal waters: moderate waves in open sheltered waters: large waves Atlantic exposed waters

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
09:31 P.M.	11:51 A.M. Thu
MOON PHASE New Moon	
First Quarter (09 November @ 12:55 A.M.)	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	05:43 P.M.	05:13 P.M.	06:08 P.M.	05:35 P.M.
HIGH TIDE:	11:20 P.M.	10:56 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	11:12 P.M.

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

- Hurricane Rafael at **10:00** am EST was located near latitude **21.4°** north and longitude **81.9°** west or about **60** miles east-southeast (**ESE**) of the Isle of Youth and about 130 miles south-southeast (**SSE**) of Havana, Cuba. **Rafael** is **moving** toward the northwest (**NW**) near **14 mph** and has maximum **sustained winds** near **110 mph** with higher gusts, and additional strengthening is expected.
- Disorganized showers and thunderstorms several hundred miles east-northeast (**ENE**) of the Leeward islands are associated with a trough of low pressure. Some gradual development of this system is possible over the next couple of days, and this system has a **low** chance (~**30%**) of formation through **seven (7)** days as it moves generally westward. Regardless of development, squally showers, thunderstorms, and strong gusty winds are expected across the Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands as the system approaches on Friday.
- Elsewhere, **tropical cyclone** formation is **not** expected during the next **seven (7)** days

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