



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS:

- Small Craft Advisory:** In effect for Atlantic-exposed waters in the Northern Bahamas. Conditions are hazardous for vessels under 30 feet due to gusty winds and rough seas, with risks of capsizing in thunderstorms. **Safety Recommendation:** Avoid open waters; secure moorings and monitor updates via BDM.
- Small Craft Caution:** Active for waters in the Northwest, Central, and Southeast Bahamas. Marginally unsafe for small recreational boats, with wave steepness increasing risks. **Safety Recommendation:** Limit travel to sheltered areas; prepare for sudden gusts and reduced visibility.
- Moderate Rip Current Risk (Beach):** Applies to Atlantic-exposed and southern coastal waters in the Northern Bahamas; low risk elsewhere. Caused by onshore swells (2-4 feet) and southwesterly winds, posing threats to swimmers. **Safety Recommendation:** Swim near lifeguards; if caught, swim parallel to the shore to escape.
- Thunderstorm Warning/Watch (Marine and Beach):** Marginal threat for isolated strong thunderstorms across the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, with potential gusty winds, heavy downpours, frequent lightning, and waterspouts. **Safety Recommendation:** Seek shelter immediately; avoid beaches during storms to prevent lightning strikes.
- High Surf Advisory:** Possible for northern Atlantic coasts. Hazardous for beachgoers due to strong shore breaks. **Safety Recommendation:** Stay out of the water and avoid rocky areas.

General Impacts: Marine activities may face travel disruptions (e.g., ferry delays), coastal flooding in low-lying areas, and reduced visibility (less than 1 NM in heavy rain). Beach activities are at risk from heat indices (95-105°F), urging hydration and shade breaks. No gale or tropical warnings directly affect the area but monitor for updates.

Cloudiness, **scattered to widespread showers**, and thunderstorms associated with Tropical Storm Chantal will continue to affect the Northern and parts of the Northwestern islands. Meanwhile, a **weak high-pressure ridge** across the Central and Southeast Bahamas will promote **gentle to fresh breezes** and generally drier, typical summertime weather. **Hazardous marine conditions**, including elevated seas and moderate rip current risks, persist in northern waters.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Outlook: A strengthening Bermuda High will establish more stable conditions and **gentle to moderate breezes** across the entire archipelago from Monday through early Tuesday, leading to more **isolated**, typical summer afternoon showers and thunderstorms. This pattern will be briefly interrupted from mid-Tuesday through early Thursday by a mid-to-upper-level disturbance and associated moisture moving in from the Atlantic, creating **elevated instances of showers, thunderstorms, and cloudiness** across portions of the island chain. Elevated heat indices will persist throughout the period.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & ADJACENT WATERS):

- ADVISORY:** A **Small Craft Caution** continues for all other local waters (including Bimini).
- WINDS:** South to southwest at **15 to 20 knots** with frequent **Strong Breeze gusts** (22-27 knots) and occasional gusts to **Near Gale** (28-33 knots) possible, mainly in the Atlantic and Gulf Stream waters this afternoon; becoming southerly at 10 to 15 knots tonight and continuing gusty over open waters.
- LOCAL SEAS:** **4 to 6 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** elsewhere but higher in gusts over the ocean.
- GULF STREAM:** **1 to 3 feet.**
- SWELLS:** Light east to southeast swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** A **likely** (50%-70%) chance of **widespread** showers and thunderstorms this afternoon, decreasing to a **chance** (20%-40%) tonight.



NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** None. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.
- WINDS:** Southeast to south at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts near storms over open waters.
- LOCAL SEAS:** **2 to 4 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.
- SWELLS:** Light east to southeast swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** The chance (30%-40%) of **scattered** showers and isolated thunderstorms in all waters this afternoon, decreasing to a **slight chance** (10%-20%) tonight.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** None. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.
- WINDS:** Southeast to south at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts near storms over open waters.
- LOCAL SEAS:** **2 to 4 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.
- SWELLS:** Light east to southeast swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** A **chance** (20%-30%) of **isolated** showers and thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:** None. Expect gusty winds and higher seas in or near heavy showers or thunderstorms.
- WINDS:** East to southeast at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts, and winds slightly to the southeast of Inagua over open waters.
- LOCAL SEAS:** **2 to 4 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.
- SWELLS:** Light to moderate easterly swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.
- WEATHER:** A **slight chance** (10%-20%) of **isolated** showers and thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
2:40 AM <small>SUN</small>	4:43 PM <small>SUN</small>
MOON PHASE Waxing Gibbous	
Next Major Phase: Full Moon on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:36 AM.	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	11:27 PM	11:25 PM	11:18 PM	11:47 PM
HIGH TIDE:	5:05 AM <small>SUN</small>	5:03 AM <small>SUN</small>	4:56 AM <small>SUN</small>	5:25 AM <small>SUN</small>
LOW TIDE:	11:12 AM <small>SUN</small>	11:10 AM <small>SUN</small>	11:03 AM <small>SUN</small>	11:32 AM <small>SUN</small>
HIGH TIDE:	5:46 PM <small>SUN</small>	5:44 PM <small>SUN</small>	5:37 PM <small>SUN</small>	6:06 PM <small>SUN</small>

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

The official Atlantic hurricane season runs from **June 1 to November 30**. Currently, **Tropical Storm Chantal** (centered near 31.9°N 78.7°W) is the only active system, located well north of The Bahamas but poses **no direct threat to the Bahamas**, with expected landfall in South Carolina overnight. No other tropical cyclone formation is expected in the next seven days.



BAHMET 23/7C

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025:

ADVISORY: **Small Craft Caution** remains in effect for the Northern Bahamas (gusty winds); gusty winds and reduced visibility in/near storms for all regions.
Northern Bahamas: South to southwest at **10 to 15 knots** but light and variables at times over open waters.
Northwest Bahamas: Southeast to south at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts near storms over open waters.

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Southeast to south at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts near storms over open waters.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts over open waters.

SEAS: **Northern Bahamas:** **4 to 6 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.
Northwest/Central/Southeast Bahamas: **2 to 4 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.

SWELLS: Light east to southeast swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.

PRECIPITATION: A chance (10-30%) of **isolated** showers with afternoon thunderstorms.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025:

ADVISORY: A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect for Inagua waters; **Small Craft Caution** elsewhere in the Southeast Bahamas.
Northern/Northwest Bahamas: East to southeast at **10 to 15 knots**, occasionally light and variable at times during the day; northeast to east at **10 to 15 knots** at night (Gentle Breeze) over open waters.

WINDS: **Central Bahamas:** Southeast to south at **10 to 15 knots** with higher gusts near storms over open waters.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at **15 to 25 knots** with higher gusts over open waters.

SEAS: **Northern/Northwest/Central Bahamas:** **2 to 4 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.
Southeast Bahamas: **5 to 8 feet** on the Atlantic exposure and **3 to 5 feet** elsewhere over the ocean.

SWELLS: Light east to southeast swells on the Atlantic-exposed waters.

PRECIPITATION: **Northern/Northwest Bahamas:** A chance (20-40%) of **scattered** showers with thunderstorms by the afternoon hours.
Central Bahamas: A chance (10-30%) of **isolated** showers with thunderstorms, increasing to a chance (20-40%) of **scattered** showers with thunderstorms by the afternoon hours.
Southeast Bahamas: A chance (10-30%) of **isolated** showers with thunderstorms.

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