



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS:

Marine Hazards:

- **Small Craft Caution:** Exercise caution in the Southeast Bahamas due to potentially breezier conditions and slightly higher seas, especially on Sunday.
- **Swells:** Light easterly swells may create some minor choppiness, mainly in eastern and southeastern exposed waters, but no significant hazardous swells are expected.

Beach Hazards:

- **Rip Currents:** Marginal risk for most beaches. Always swim near a lifeguard and exercise caution near jetties, groins, and piers.
- **Heat Advisory: Moderate** risk for beachgoers. Heat indices will be in the 90s. Take precautions against heat illness (stay hydrated, seek shade, and limit strenuous activity during peak sun hours). The **High UV Index** (9-10) means sun protection is essential.

General Impacts:

- **Marine Activities:** Generally favorable across the Northern, Northwest, and Central Bahamas. Mariners in the Southeast Bahamas should monitor for increasing winds and seas by Sunday.
- **Beach Activities:** Favorable, but with a strong emphasis on sun and heat safety. Limit sun exposure 10am-4pm.

GENERAL SITUATION:

A **broad area of high-pressure** centered over the **Central Atlantic**, extending a ridge southwestward across the Bahamas, dominates the region. This ridge and mid- to upper-level ridging suppresses convection, leading to **dry, stable conditions** with **light to moderate easterly winds**. The sea remains **generally calm** in most areas, with swells primarily from the east.

**Outlook:** Stable conditions persist through tomorrow, with no significant weather systems expected. Winds/seas increase slightly Tuesday–Wednesday. **Saharan dust** may reduce visibility slightly over the southeastern Bahamas by midweek.

### NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	No advisory.
WINDS:	South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet on the Atlantic exposure and 1 to 3 feet elsewhere over the ocean.
GULF STREAM:	Less than 3 feet.
SWELLS:	No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Mostly sunny and hot.
OUTLOOK:	Stable conditions and calm seas continue Tuesday.

### NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	No advisory.
WINDS:	East to southeast at 10 knots or less but falling light and variable at times over open waters.
LOCAL SEAS:	3 feet or less over the ocean.
SWELLS:	No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Mostly sunny and hot.
OUTLOOK:	Stable conditions and calm seas continue Tuesday.



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

**ADVISORY:** No advisory.  
**WINDS:** East to southeast at 10 knots or less but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**LOCAL SEAS:** 3 feet or less over the ocean.  
**SWELLS:** No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** Mostly sunny and hot.  
**OUTLOOK:** Stable conditions and calm seas continue Tuesday.

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

**ADVISORY:** No advisory.  
**WINDS:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**LOCAL SEAS:** 2 to 4 feet on the Atlantic exposure and 1 to 3 feet elsewhere over the ocean.  
**SWELLS:** No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.  
**WEATHER:** Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**OUTLOOK:** Caution advised for higher seas and swells.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
11:39 PM	10:11 AM SAT
MOON PHASE Waning Gibbous	
Third Quarter on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7:58 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:30 PM	11:21 PM	11:23 PM	11:37 PM
LOW TIDE:	5:58 AM SAT	5:56 AM SAT	5:49 AM SAT	6:18 AM SAT
HIGH TIDE:	11:49 AM SAT	11:40 AM SAT	11:42 AM SAT	11:56 AM SAT
LOW TIDE:	5:39 PM SAT	5:37 PM SAT	5:30 PM SAT	5:59 PM SAT

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:  
No tropical development is expected in the next 7 days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025:

**ADVISORY:** None expected for most areas. **Small Craft Caution** in Southeast Bahamas for slightly breezier conditions.  
**Northern Bahamas:** South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**Northwest Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 knots or less but falling light and variable at times over open waters.

**WINDS:** **Central Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**Southeast Bahamas:** Easterly at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters, possibly nearing 20 knots in gusts.

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

**SWELLS:** No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.

**PRECIPITATION:** **All Areas:** No significant precipitation is expected.



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**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025:**

**ADVISORY:** None.  
**Northern Bahamas:** South to southwest at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**Northwest Bahamas:** Southeasterly at 10 knots or less but falling light and variable at times over open waters.

**WINDS:** **Central Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 knots or less but falling light and variable at times over open waters.  
**Southeast Bahamas:** East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots but falling light and variable at times over open waters.

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

**SWELLS:** No significant swells in the Atlantic-exposed waters.

**PRECIPITATION:** Isolated showers (**20% chance**) in the Southeast Bahamas.

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