



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

WARNINGS:

GENERAL SITUATION:

Hazardous marine conditions—characterized by rough to very rough seas and large swells—will persist through the weekend. There is a **high risk of life-threatening rip currents** along north- and east-facing beaches; swimming is strongly discouraged.

A **reinforcing backdoor cold front**, interacting with a **strong high-pressure** system over the eastern United States and a **remnant low**, is tightening the **pressure gradient** across the Bahamas, driving **fresh** to **strong winds** and **large swells**. This has resulted in **hazardous marine** conditions, particularly **rough seas** on Atlantic exposures, and a **high risk of life-threatening rip currents**, while limiting precipitation to isolated showers.

Outlook: Swell-driven seas will peak Friday night into Saturday across all Atlantic-exposed waters before gradually subsiding on Sunday as winds ease and shift easterly. A tropical wave may approach the **Southeast Bahamas** early next week (20% development chance).

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

WINDS:

LOCAL SEAS:

GULF STREAM:

SWELLS:

WEATHER:

A **Small Craft Advisory** for Atlantic-exposed waters and a **Small Craft Caution** for local/sheltered waters.

North to northeast at **15 to 20 knots**, with **higher gusts** overnight.

4 to 6 feet but up to **9 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** but up to **6 feet** in swells elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean.

5 to 7 feet with occasional seas to **9 feet**.

Large **north to northeast swells** on the Atlantic-exposed waters.

A **low** (10–20%) chance of **isolated showers** and a **very low** (<10%) chance of **isolated thunderstorms**; visibility generally good (> 10 nm).

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

WINDS:

LOCAL SEAS:

SWELLS:

WEATHER:

A **Small Craft Advisory** remains in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters; a **Small Craft Caution** is in effect for local waters.

North to northeast at **15 to 20 knots**, with **gusty conditions** overnight.

4 to 6 feet but up to **8 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** in swells elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean.

Moderate to large **north to northeast swells** on Atlantic-exposed waters.

A **low** (10–20%) chance of **isolated showers** and a **very low** (<10%) chance of **isolated thunderstorms**; visibility generally good (> 10 nm).

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

WINDS:

LOCAL SEAS:

SWELLS:

WEATHER:

A **Small Craft Advisory** comes into effect tonight for Atlantic-exposed waters.

Northerly at **10 to 15 knots** tonight, becoming north to northeast **10 to 15 knots** after midnight, increasing to **15 to 20 knots**, with **gusty conditions** tomorrow evening.

2 to 4 feet but up to **7 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts tonight, building to **4 to 6 feet**, but up to **8 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean tomorrow evening.

Moderate to large **north to northeast swells** on Atlantic-exposed waters.

A **low** (10–20%) chance of **isolated showers** and a **very low** (<10%) chance of **isolated thunderstorms**; visibility generally good (> 10 nm).



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

ADVISORY: A **Small Craft Caution** is in place for the Atlantic-exposed waters late Friday from spreading swells.

WINDS: Northerly at **10 knots or less** tonight; northeast at **10 to 15 knots**, with **gusty conditions** tomorrow evening.

LOCAL SEAS: **3 feet or less** but up to **5 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure tonight, building to **2 to 4 feet** but up to **6 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean tomorrow evening.

SWELLS: Moderate to large **north to northeast swells** on Atlantic-exposed waters.

WEATHER: A **low (10–20%) chance** of isolated showers and a **very low (<10%) chance** of isolated thunderstorms; visibility generally good (> 10 nm).

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
3:44 AM _{FRI}	4:36 PM _{FRI}
MOON PHASE Waning Crescent	
New Moon on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 8:25 PM EDT	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	11:33 PM	11:31 PM	11:24 PM	11:53 PM
HIGH TIDE:	5:46 AM _{FRI}	5:37 AM _{FRI}	5:39 AM _{FRI}	5:53 AM _{FRI}
LOW TIDE:	11:51 AM _{FRI}	11:49 AM _{FRI}	11:42 AM _{FRI}	12:11 AM _{FRI}
HIGH TIDE:	6:05 PM _{FRI}	5:56 PM _{FRI}	5:58 PM _{FRI}	6:12 PM _{FRI}

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Official Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30, 2025.
Active Systems: None
Development: A tropical wave (20% chance) may approach the Southeast Bahamas by Wednesday.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025:

ADVISORY: A **Small Craft Advisory** continues for all Atlantic-exposed waters. A **Small Craft Caution** is in effect for all local/sheltered waters.

WINDS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Northeast to east at **10 to 15 knots**, with **gusty conditions**.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Northeast to east at **15 to 20 knots**, with **gusty conditions**.

SEAS: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: **2 to 4 feet** but up to **8 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: **4 to 6 feet** but up to **8 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean.

SWELLS: Moderate to large **north to northeast swells** on Atlantic-exposed waters.

PRECIPITATION: Northern & Northwest Bahamas: A **low (10–20%) chance** of isolated showers and a **very low (<10%) chance** of isolated thunderstorms.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: A **low to medium (10–30%) chance** of isolated to widely scattered showers and a **very low (<10%) chance** of isolated thunderstorms.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025:

ADVISORY: A **Small Craft Advisory** continues for all Atlantic-exposed waters. A **Small Craft Caution** is in effect for all local/sheltered waters.

WINDS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** East to southeast at **10 to 15 knots** but falling light and variable at times.
Central Bahamas: Northeast to east at **15 to 20 knots**.
Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at **15 to 20 knots**.

SEAS: **Northern & Northwest Bahamas:** **2 to 4 feet** but up to **8 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **1 to 3 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: **4 to 6 feet** but up to **9 feet** in swells on the Atlantic exposure and **2 to 4 feet** elsewhere, but higher in gusts over the ocean.

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