



## BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Saturday, December 21, 2024, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

<b>WARNINGS:</b>	<i>A small craft advisory is in effect for the Northern Bahamas while a small craft caution is in effect for the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas due to elevated seas.</i>
<b>GENERAL SITUATION:</b>	A reinforcing cold front across the Northwest Bahamas will race southeastwards to merge with an old frontal boundary in vicinity of the Southeast Bahamas by this evening. High pressure will build behind the front and promote a drier and cooler air-mass over the islands this weekend. <b>Outlook:</b> Strong high pressure will build to the north, strengthening the pressure gradient across the islands. This will support fresh to locally strong breezes and rough seas from Sunday night through mid-week.
<b>SPECIAL WEATHER NOTES:</b>	<i>There remains an elevated risk of dangerous rip currents especially along northern and eastern shorelines throughout the island chain.</i>

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft advisory is in effect.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northwest to North at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building up to 8 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate north to northeasterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	None significant.
<b>OUTLOOK:</b>	Winds will strengthen moderate to fresh on Monday and the <b>small craft advisory</b> will remain in effect due to elevated seas.

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft caution is in effect.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northwest to North at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building up to 7 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate north to northeasterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	None significant.
<b>OUTLOOK:</b>	Winds will strengthen moderate to fresh on Monday and a <b>small craft advisory</b> will come in effect due to elevated seas.

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

<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft caution is in effect.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northwest to North at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times...becoming North to Northeast at 10 knots by evening.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building up to 6 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Moderate northeasterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 – 20% chance of a few showers.
<b>OUTLOOK:</b>	Winds will strengthen moderate to fresh on Monday and a <b>small craft advisory</b> will come in effect Monday night due to elevated seas.



<b>SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS</b> (INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft caution is in effect.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northwest to North at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable at times...becoming North to Northeast at 10 knots by evening.
<b>LOCAL SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building up to 6 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>SWELLS:</b>	Slight to Moderate northeasterly swells.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	20% chance of a few showers.
<b>OUTLOOK:</b>	Winds will strengthen fresh to locally strong on Monday and a <b>small craft advisory</b> will come in effect.

<b>MOONSET:</b>	<b>MOONRISE:</b>
11:32 AM	11:33 PM

<b>ISLAND TIDES:</b>	<b>NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):</b>	<b>NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):</b>	<b>CENTRAL (EXUMA):</b>	<b>SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):</b>
<b>HIGH TIDE:</b>	12:16 P.M.	12:07 P.M.	12:09 P.M.	12:23 P.M.
<b>LOW TIDE:</b>	6:41 P.M.	6:39 P.M.	6:32 P.M.	7:01 P.M.

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

<b>TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:</b>	
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<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024</b>	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft advisory will remain in effect in the Northern Bahamas while small craft caution will remain in effect for the Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas due to elevated seas in north to northeasterly swells.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	North to Northeast at 10 to 15 knots, increasing 15 to 20 knots only in the Southeast Bahamas at night.
<b>SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building 6 to 9 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	10 – 20% chance of showers.

<b>EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024</b>	
<b>ADVISORY:</b>	<i>A small craft advisory will come into effect for all areas due to elevated seas in north to northeasterly swells.</i>
<b>WINDS:</b>	Northeast to East at 15 to 20 knots in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas, shifting East to Southeast at night. Northeast to East at 15 to 25 knots in the Central and Southeast Bahamas.
<b>SEAS:</b>	2 to 4 feet nearshore and in sheltered areas, building 7 to 10 offshore and along Atlantic exposures.
<b>WEATHER:</b>	20 – 30% chance of isolated showers.

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