



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

--Marine Conditions--

Northeast Swells are expected to propagate toward the Atlantic coastlines of the Bahamas ***beginning tonight and will build to moderate levels by Friday***. This swell event will enhance rip currents and result in rough surf conditions across the Atlantic coastal waters.

WARNINGS:

--Severe Weather Advisory--

All areas: Widely scattered convection and embedded thunderstorms are expected to precede an approaching frontal boundary that will shift across the island chain beginning tonight. Thunderstorms can become strong to severe at times; a slight chance of waterspout activity exists.

GENERAL SITUATION:

A relatively weak cold and its accompanying frontal trough front north of the islands, supported by upper-level troughing and residual atmospheric moisture, will shift southeastward across the Northern Bahamas this evening, reaching the Central Bahamas on Saturday. The front is expected to weaken, fall stationary and meander through Sunday. Ahead of the front, widely scattered convection is expected as it moves along the prefrontal boundary, while drier conditions are expected in the wake of the front. A weak pressure pattern will maintain gentle to moderate winds across the island chain through early next week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

A ***small craft advisory*** comes into effect on the Atlantic waters tonight. *Near the Abacos, Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS:

Northwest at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable at times through the forecast period.

LOCAL SEAS:

1 to 3 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters and 2 to 4 feet offshore on the sheltered waters on the Atlantic waters with peaks to 5 feet; Atlantic waters build to 5 to 7 feet after sunset.

SWELLS:

Light swells begin to build on the Atlantic waters tonight. Swells will become moderate on Friday.

WEATHER:

Isolated showers and the chance for a thunderstorm through the forecast period, mainly in the vicinity of the Abacos.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

No advisory for seas. *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS:

East-southeast at 10 knots with occasional higher gusts through the forecast period.

LOCAL SEAS:

1 to 3 feet across all area waters through the forecast period.

SWELLS:

No significant swells on the Atlantic waters.

WEATHER:

Isolated showers and the chance for a thunderstorm through the forecast period.



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

ADVISORY: No advisory for seas. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS: East-southeast at 10 knots with occasional higher gusts through the forecast period.

LOCAL SEAS: 1 to 3 feet across all area waters through the forecast period.

SWELLS: No significant swells on the Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and the chance for a thunderstorm through the forecast period.

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

ADVISORY: No advisory for seas. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS: East-southeast at 10 knots with occasional higher gusts through the forecast period.

LOCAL SEAS: 1 to 3 feet across all area waters through the forecast period.

SWELLS: No significant swells on the Atlantic waters.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and the chance for a thunderstorm through the forecast period.

MOONRISE:	MOONSET:
5:52 PM	4:56 AM FRI
MOON PHASE	
FIRST QUARTER	
FULL MOON - SEPTEMBER 26TH	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	7:26 PM	7:02 PM	7:04 PM	7:18 PM
LOW TIDE:	1:23 PM	12:53 PM	12:46 PM	1:15 PM

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tropical Storm Fay is expected to strengthen further over the central North Atlantic waters. Maximum sustained winds are 50 miles per hour, with a minimum central pressure of 1005 millibars. Fay will move westward near 6 miles per hour this afternoon, with a further decrease in forward expected this weekend. By Friday, gradual weakening is expected and Fay could degenerate into a tropical depression by Saturday evening.

An area of low pressure located a few hundred miles south-southeast of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing disorganized convection. This system could become a short-lived tropical depression within the next 24 hours; however, environmental conditions are expected to become less favorable for development this weekend as the system moves northwestward to northward of the eastern tropical Atlantic. Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days...



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2026:

--Swell event on the Atlantic waters--

*There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas due to swells.*

ADVISORY:

*There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the Central Bahamas and on the sheltered waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas due to swells.*

All areas:

Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:

Northwest at around 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.

WINDS:

Central and Southeast Bahamas:

South to southwest at around 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:

2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Central Southeast Bahamas:

1 to 3 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 4 to 6 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Southeast Bahamas:

1 to 3 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters.

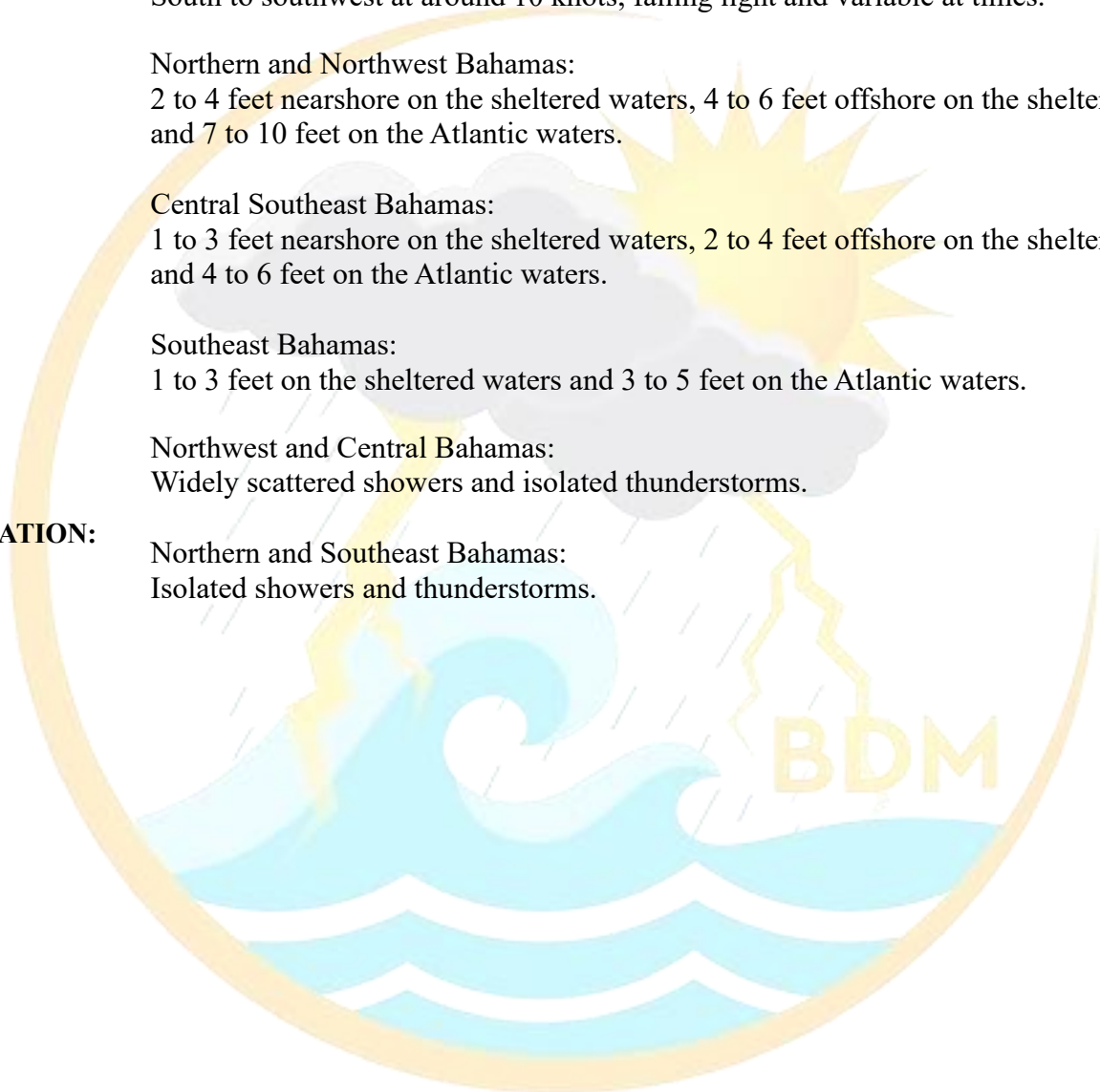
Northwest and Central Bahamas:

Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern and Southeast Bahamas:

Isolated showers and thunderstorms.





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ADVISORY:

*There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas.*

All areas:

Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:

Northerly at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.

Central Bahamas:

WINDS:

West, veering northwest late, at around 10 knots.

Southeast Bahamas:

Southwest at less than 10 knots, falling light and variable at times.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:

2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Central Southeast Bahamas:

2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Southeast Bahamas:

1 to 3 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Central Bahamas:

Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern, Northwest, and Southeast Bahamas:

Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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