



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EDT WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

There is a NEAR-GALE WATCH in effect for the Northern Bahamas.

Gale Winds: 34 knots – 40 knots

Near-gale winds gusts are possible across the Northern Bahamas through Thursday.

Near-gale winds gusts are possible across the Northwest Bahamas on Thursday.

Mariners, especially small craft mariners, are advised to seek safe harbour and remain in port.

WARNINGS:

There is a moderate to high risk of rip currents for the Atlantic waters of the island chain and the sheltered waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Swimmers are advised not to enter these waters.

There is a slight to moderate risk of rip currents elsewhere across the island chain.

Northwest and Central Bahamas: **Thunderstorms in the area can become strong-to-severe at times; waterspout activity is possible.**

GENERAL SITUATION:

A quasi-stationary front currently over the Northwest Bahamas will gradually reach the Central Bahamas on Thursday, before dissipating on Friday. A tightened pressure gradient between the front and high pressure north of the islands will maintain fresh to occasional strong winds across the Northern and parts of the Northwest Bahamas. Middle-to-upper-level troughing associated with this frontal boundary will support showers and thunderstorms across the islands through the latter half of the week; rain chances will slowly diminish beginning on Thursday across the Northern Bahamas as the upper-level support migrates its energy southeastward and away from the islands.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect. Wind gusts possibly peak at **near-gale force** through Thursday. There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with near-gale force wind gusts.

LOCAL SEAS:

4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SWELLS:

Light easterly swells on the Atlantic waters.

WEATHER:

Widespread rainfall across the area; widespread rainfall diminishes overnight.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect. Near-gale wind gusts are expected on Thursday. There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with near gale wind gusts possible in the vicinity of North Andros, The Berry Islands and the Great Bahama Bank; 10 to 15 knots elsewhere, falling light and variable at times.

LOCAL SEAS:

3 to 5 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SWELLS:

Light easterly swells on the Atlantic waters.

WEATHER:

Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.



CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS: Northeast at 10 to 15 knots; winds become gusty tonight.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light easterly swells on the Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters. Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.
WINDS: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.
LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters.
SWELLS: Light southeast wind waves on the Atlantic waters.
WEATHER: Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
7:10 PM	7:27 AM _{THU}
NEW MOON	
FIRST QUARTER - MARCH 25TH	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	2:47 PM	2:17 PM	2:10 PM	2:39 PM
HIGH TIDE:	8:47 PM	8:23 PM	8:25 PM	8:39 PM

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

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2026:**

*There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Near-gale wind gusts are possible in the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the island chain, as well as the sheltered waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.*

ADVISORY:

All areas:

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

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: North to northeast at 15 to 20 knots with near-gale wind gusts.

WINDS:

Central and Southeast Bahamas: southwest, veering northwest to east at 10 to 15 knots; winds fall light and variable Thursday night.

Northern Bahamas: 4 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Central and Southeast Bahamas: 2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas: Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern Bahamas: Isolated showers with the slight chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2026:

*There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the island chain, as well as the sheltered waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.*

ADVISORY:

All areas:

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

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: North-northeast at 15 to 20 knots with strong gusts.

WINDS:

Central and Southeast Bahamas: North-northwest to North-northeast at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: 4 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Central and Southeast Bahamas: 4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Central and Southeast Bahamas: Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

PRECIPITATION:

Northern and Northwest Bahamas: Isolated showers with the slight chance of a thunderstorm.

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