



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

WARNINGS: There is a **moderate** risk of rip currents on all east-coast and Atlantic coastal waters of the island chain.

GENERAL SITUATION: Troughing across the Northwest and Central Bahamas is expected to weaken overnight while ridging dominates the weather pattern elsewhere. Showers and thunderstorms will be concentrated around peak heating arounds through early next week. By Tuesday, middle-to-upper-level troughing will help to support convection across the island chain through the latter half of the week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

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

WINDS: East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts through Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters through Sunday.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells diminish on the Atlantic waters tonight. No significant swells on Sunday.

WEATHER: Chance for a few isolated showers. Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly during the afternoon hours on Sunday

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

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

WINDS: East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts through Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters through Sunday.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells diminish on the Atlantic waters tonight. No significant swells on Sunday.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and thunderstorms diminish overnight. Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly during the afternoon hours on Sunday.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

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

WINDS: East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts through Sunday.

LOCAL SEAS: 2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters through Sunday.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells diminish on the Atlantic waters tonight. No significant swells on Sunday.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and thunderstorms diminish overnight. Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly during the afternoon hours on Sunday.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: There is a **small craft caution** in effect for all area waters. *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*

WINDS: East at 15 to 20 knots tonight with higher gusts. East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts on Sunday; winds become east at 15 to 20 knots on Sunday evening with higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS: 4 to 6 feet across all area waters.

SWELLS: Light easterly swells diminish on the Atlantic waters tonight. No significant swells on Sunday.

WEATHER: Chance for a few isolated showers. Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly during the afternoon hours on Sunday.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
8:00 PM	6:46 AM _{SUN}
MOON PHASE	
NEW MOON	
FIRST QUARTER - MAY 23RD	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	8:45 PM	8:21 PM	8:23 PM	8:37 PM
LOW TIDE:	3:22 AM _{SUN}	2:52 AM _{SUN}	2:45 AM _{SUN}	3:14 AM _{SUN}

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026:

*There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the Southeast Bahamas.*

*There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the sheltered waters of the Southeast Bahamas.*

ADVISORY:

All areas:

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

WINDS:

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:
East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.

Southeast Bahamas:
East at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

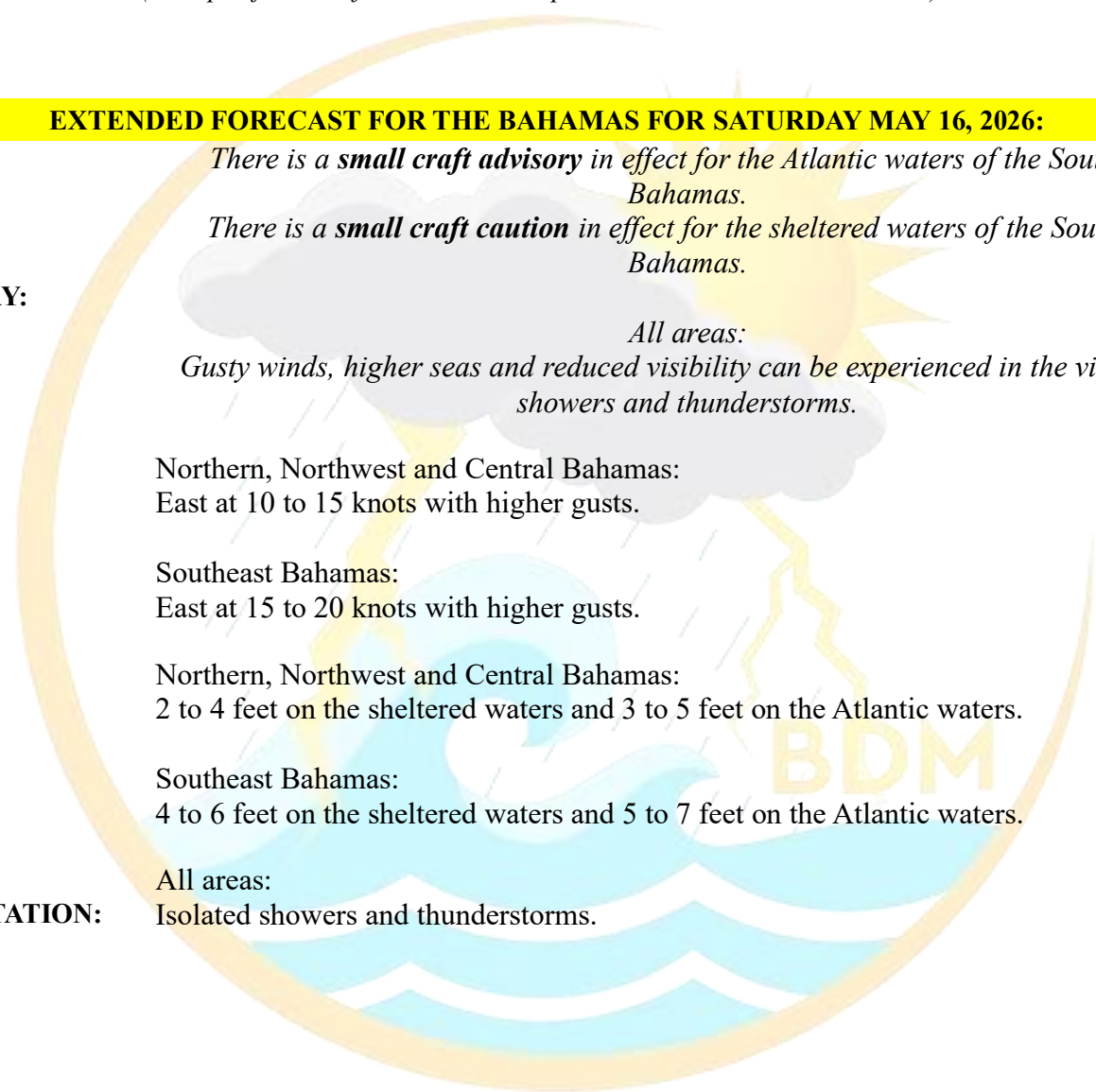
Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:
2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

Southeast Bahamas:
4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION:

All areas:
Isolated showers and thunderstorms.





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*There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the Southeast Bahamas.*

*There is a **small craft caution** in effect for the Atlantic waters of the Central Bahamas and the sheltered waters of the Southeast Bahamas.*

ADVISORY:

All areas:

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

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:
East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.

WINDS:

Southeast Bahamas:
East at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:
2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters.

SEAS:

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

Southeast Bahamas:
4 to 6 feet on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters.

PRECIPITATION:

All areas:
Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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