



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

LOW TIDE WARNING

Mariners are urged to exercise extreme caution as they navigate shallow waters during low tides as there is an increased risk of running aground.

WARNINGS:

There is a **high risk of rip currents** on all east-coast and Atlantic coastal waters of the island chain. Swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering the waters.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Ridging dominates the weather pattern, generating mostly fresh to occasional-strong and warm east to southeast winds through mid-week. Isolated convection is expected during peak heating hours; by late Monday into Tuesday, middle-to-upper-level troughing east of the islands is expected to develop and will provide enough support to help to enhance convection across the island chain through the latter half of the week.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING GRAND BAHAMA, ABACO, BIMINI & 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 with higher gusts through Monday.

LOCAL SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

No significant swells.

WEATHER:

Isolated showers with the chance for isolated thunderstorms mainly during peak heating hours.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING NEW PROVIDENCE, ANDROS, THE BERRY ISLANDS, ELEUTHERA & 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 with higher gusts through Monday.

LOCAL SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

No significant swells.

WEATHER:

Isolated showers with the chance for isolated thunderstorms mainly during peak heating hours.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & 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 with higher gusts through Monday.

LOCAL SEAS:

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

SWELLS:

No significant swells.

WEATHER:

Isolated showers with the chance for isolated thunderstorms mainly during peak heating hours.



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 tonight. A **small craft advisory** will come into effect for the Atlantic waters Monday at sunrise. *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 through Monday with higher gusts.

LOCAL SEAS: 3 to 5 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and on the Atlantic waters tonight. 2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 5 to 7 feet on the Atlantic waters on Monday.

SWELLS: No significant swells.

WEATHER: Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly during peak heating hours.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
9:12 PM	7:48 AM _{MON}
MOON PHASE	
NEW MOON	
FIRST QUARTER - MAY 23RD	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	9:37 PM	9:13 PM	9:15 PM	9:29 PM
LOW TIDE:	4:15 AM _{MON}	3:45 AM _{MON}	3:38 AM _{MON}	4:07 AM _{MON}

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days...

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY MAY 19, 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 Atlantic waters of the Northern, Northwest and 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 Bahamas:

East at 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts.

WINDS:

Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas:

East at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:

2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters and 4 to 6 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 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.

**EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 20, 2026:**

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

ADVISORY:

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

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 15 to 20 knots on the Atlantic waters of the Central Bahamas.

WINDS:

Southeast Bahamas:

East at 15 to 25 knots.

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:

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

SEAS:

Southeast Bahamas:

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

PRECIPITATION:

All areas:

Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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