



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EDT SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

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

Near-gale Winds: 28 knots – 33 knots

Near-gale winds are expected through Monday at sunrise.

There is a **NEAR-GALE WATCH** in effect for the Berry Islands and northern Andros in Northwest Bahamas.

Near-gale Winds: 28 knots – 33 knots

Near-gale winds are possible through Monday at sunrise.

Mariners, especially small craft mariners, should remain in port until conditions improve.

Swimmers are advised to remain on shore until further notice.

--Marine Conditions--

WARNINGS:

There is a **high risk** of rip currents on the northern and eastern coastal waters on all area waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas.

There is a **slight to moderate risk** of rip currents on the north and eastern coastal waters of the Atlantic waters of the Central Bahamas. Rip current **risks** build to **moderate** early Monday.

There is a **slight risk** of rip currents on the eastern coastal waters of the Atlantic waters of the Northern and Northwest Bahamas. Rip current **risks** build to **moderate** early Monday.

-- Weather Advisory--

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

GENERAL SITUATION:

A cold front presently over the Northwest Bahamas will slowly advance southeastward before briefly stalling in the vicinity of the Northwest-Central Bahama boundary overnight. Unsettled weather is expected on both sides of the boundary through the latter half of the week, affecting mainly the Northwest, Central and the northern regions of the Southeast Bahamas. Meanwhile, fresh to strong winds, with near-gale force wind gusts, will affect the waters of the Northern Bahamas and the adjacent waters of the Berry Islands and northern Andros through Monday at sunrise. The pressure gradient behind the front will gradually slacken, causing wind speeds to gradually fall through midweek.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY:	There is a near-gale warning in effect. Near-gale wind gusts are expected around through Monday at sunrise. Small craft should remain in port.
WINDS:	Northeast at 20 to 25 knots with gusts to near-gale force through Monday at sunrise, becoming northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts through the remainder of the forecast period.
LOCAL SEAS:	3 to 5 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 6 to 9 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 8 to 12 feet on the Atlantic waters. 5 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 10 to 13 feet on the Atlantic waters.
SWELLS:	Large wind waves on the Atlantic waters. Moderate to large wind waves elsewhere on the open waters.
WEATHER:	Isolated showers and thunderstorms mainly in the vicinity of southern Abaco. Chance for a few isolated showers elsewhere.



NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:

There is a **near-gale watch** in effect for the waters of the Berry Islands and northern Andros. **Near-gale** wind gusts are possible through Monday at sunrise. ***Small craft should remain in port.** Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:

Northeast at 15 to 20 knots for the waters of the Berry islands and northern Andros with strong wind gusts, and northeast 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts elsewhere after midnight with higher gusts tonight. Northeast at 15 to 20 knots across the region with strong gusts expected on the waters of the Berry islands and northern Andros.
- LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 3 to 5 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 5 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters. 5 to 7 feet on the sheltered waters and 8 to 12 feet on the Atlantic waters.
- SWELLS:

No significant swells on the Atlantic waters tonight... moderate northerly swells build on the Atlantic waters tonight with moderate winds waves on the western waters.
- WEATHER:

Scattered showers and widely scattered thunderstorms through the forecast period.

CENTRAL BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** will come into effect on Monday at sunrise. Small craft should seek safe harbour and ***remain in port until sea conditions permit.*** *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:

North-northeast at 10 to 15 knots tonight with fresh gusts in the vicinity of Cat Island and the northernmost Exuma Cays through the forecast period.
- LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet on the sheltered waters and 3 to 5 feet on the Atlantic waters tonight; seas build 3 to 5 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 10 feet on the Atlantic waters.
- SWELLS:

No significant swells on the Atlantic waters tonight... moderate northerly swells build on the Atlantic waters on Monday.
- WEATHER:

Isolated showers and thunderstorms tonight through Monday at noon. Scattered showers and widely scattered thunderstorms Monday afternoon.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS

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

- ADVISORY:

A **small craft advisory** will come into effect for the Atlantic waters on Monday at sunrise. A **small craft caution** will come into effect for the sheltered waters on Monday at sunrise. Small craft should seek safe harbour and ***remain in port until sea conditions permit.*** *Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.*
- WINDS:

Northeast at 10 knots with occasional higher gusts tonight becoming east-northeast at 10 knots with higher gusts on Monday.
- LOCAL SEAS:

2 to 4 feet across all area waters tonight becoming 2 to 4 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:

No significant swells on the Atlantic waters... light to moderate northerly swells build on the Atlantic waters on Monday.
- WEATHER:

Chance for isolated showers and thunderstorms tonight through Monday at noon... shower chances increase Monday afternoon.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
12:52 AM _{MON}	2:41 PM _{MON}
MOON PHASE	
FIRST QUARTER	
FULL MOON - OCTOBER 26TH	



ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	9:16 PM	8:46 PM	8:39 PM	9:08 PM
HIGH TIDE:	3:01 AM _{MON}	2:37 AM _{MON}	2:39 AM _{MON}	2:53 AM _{MON}

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

A non-tropical area of low pressure is expected to develop sometime overnight off the southeastern seaboard of the United States. Once formed, the system is forecast to meander while producing storm force winds. There is a marginal chance that this system could acquire subtropical characteristics by midweek. Elsewhere, tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days...

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2026:

There is a small craft advisory in effect for all area waters of the island chain.
Small craft should refrain from venturing into the Atlantic waters of the island chain as well as the western waters.
Small craft should not venture too far from port on the sheltered waters of the island chain.

ADVISORY:

Northwest, Central and Southeast Bahamas:
Gusty winds, higher seas and reduced visibility can be experienced in the vicinity of showers and thunderstorms.

WINDS:

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:
Northeast at 15 to 20 knots with occasional higher gusts.

Southeast Bahamas:
Northeast at 10 knots with occasional higher gusts.

SEAS:

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:
4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 7 to 11 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Central Bahamas:
4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Southeast Bahamas:
2 to 4 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 4 to 7 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 8 feet on the Atlantic waters.

Northwest and Central Bahamas:
Scattered showers and widely scattered thunderstorms.

PRECIPITATION:

Southeast Bahamas:
Isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Northern Bahamas:
Isolated showers.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2026:

*There is a **small craft advisory** in effect for all area waters of the Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas.*

*There is a **small craft caution** in effect for all area waters of the Southeast Bahamas.
Small craft should refrain from venturing into the Atlantic waters of the island chain as well as the western waters.*

ADVISORY: *Small craft should not venture too far from port on the sheltered waters of the island chain.*

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

Northern, Northwest and Central Bahamas:
Northeast at 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

WINDS: Southeast Bahamas:
Northeast at 10 knots with higher gusts.

Northern and Northwest Bahamas:
4 to 6 feet nearshore on the sheltered waters, 5 to 8 feet offshore on the sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet on the Atlantic waters.

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

Southeast 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.

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

Northern Bahamas:
Isolated showers.

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