



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 12:00 P.M. EST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 P.M. EDT.

THUNDERSTORM:

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS: Low to moderate *risk*.
NORTH, CENTRAL & SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS: Light risk
Hazardous associated with strong thunderstorms:

- Reduced visibility, heavy downpours, strong gusty winds, occasional to frequent lightning strikes, hail and funnel cloud formation

WARNINGS:

SWELLS:

- *ENTIRE BAHAMAS- Moderate*

RIP CURRENT:

- ENTIRE BAHAMAS: moderate risk for *rip currents and rip tides, and under tow*.
- The surface ridge north of the area is creating a slack pressure gradient, leading to relatively stable and calm conditions overall.
- A small trough is present over the east coast of Florida, west of the North Bahamas.
- Convection will be driven by daytime heating, further enhanced by an upper-level jet stream influencing the region to the north.
- Seas within the island chain are manageable for most activities.
- Atlantic waters will experience higher wave heights, prompting caution for small craft operators.

GENERAL SITUATION:

Weather hazards:

- Increased risk of heavy thunderstorms and sudden weather changes.
- Potential for reduced visibility, gusty winds, and hazardous marine conditions, especially in open waters.

Recommendations:

- Stay updated with the latest local weather reports.
- Exercise caution if engaging in water activities.
- Postpone or modify plans if thunderstorms are approaching or forecasted.

NORTHERN BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: Small craft advisory for the northern Atlantic exposed...
WINDS: Northeast 10 to 15 knots becoming east overnight.
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas and open waters – Less than 2 feet; ; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 4 feet.
GULF STREAM: 3 to 4 feet
SWELLS: Light to moderate northeast swells for the Atlantic;
WEATHER: Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms...
OUTLOOK: Ridge north the Bahamas.

NORTHWEST BAHAMAS

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

ADVISORY: Small craft caution for the Atlantic exposed...
WINDS: Northeast 15 to 20 knots becoming east 12 to 18 knots overnight.
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas and open waters – Less than 2 feet; ; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 3 to 4 feet.
SWELLS: Light to moderate northeast swells for the Atlantic;
WEATHER: Mostly cloudy and cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms...
OUTLOOK: Ridge north the Bahamas..



CENTRAL BAHAMAS	
(INCLUDING EXUMA, CAT ISLAND, LONG ISLAND, SAN SALVADOR, RUM CAY & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft caution for the Atlantic waters...
WINDS:	Northeast 15 to 20 knots becoming east 12 to 18 knots overnight.
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas and open waters – Less than 2 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters –2 to 3 feet.
SWELLS:	Light northeast swells for the Atlantic;
WEATHER:	Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms...
OUTLOOK:	Ridge north the Bahamas.

SOUTHEAST BAHAMAS	
(INCLUDING INAGUA, ACKLINS, CROOKED ISLAND, MAYAGUANA, RAGGED ISLAND & ADJACENT WATERS):	
ADVISORY:	Small craft caution inside of the wall and an advisory for the Atlantic exposed...
WINDS:	East 15 to 20 knots becoming east overnight.
LOCAL SEAS:	Sheltered areas – 2 to 3 feet, open waters- 3 to 4 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters –4 to 5 feet.
SWELLS:	Light to moderate easterly swells in the south Great Bank and moderate northeasterly swells for the Atlantic waters;
WEATHER:	Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms...
OUTLOOK:	Ridge north the Bahamas.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
4:50 PM	03:55 AM <small>WED</small>
Waning Crescent	
New Moon (Sun 21 st Sep 2025 @ 3:54pm) (Partial Solar Eclipse)	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	5:36 PM	5:27 PM	5:29 PM	5:43 PM
LOW TIDE:	12:00 AM <small>THU</small>	11:58 PM	11:51 PM <small>THU</small>	12:20 AM <small>THU</small>
HIGH TIDE:	06:02 AM <small>THU</small>	05:53 AM <small>THU</small>	05:55 AM <small>THU</small>	06:09 AM <small>THU</small>
LOW TIDE:	12:03 PM <small>THU</small>	12:01 PM <small>THU</small>	11:54 AM <small>THU</small>	12:23 PM <small>THU</small>

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
<p>Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30.</p> <p>At 11 AM the center of poorly defined Tropical Storm Gabrielle was located near 17.5N 46.6W is moving toward the north-northwest near 22 mph (35 km/h). An erratic northwestward to west-northwestward motion at a reduced forward speed is anticipated across the tropical and subtropical central Atlantic during the next few days. Maximum sustained winds are near 45 mph (75 km/h) with higher gusts. Little change in strength is forecast during the next 48 hours but some gradual intensification is forecast over the weekend.</p> <p>Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 175 miles (280 km) from the center, primarily in the eastern semicircle of the storm.</p> <p>The estimated minimum central pressure is 1006 mb (29.71 inches).</p>



1. Eastern Tropical Atlantic:

A **tropical wave** located just east and southeast of the Cabo Verde Islands is producing an area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions are only marginally conducive, and any development of this system should be slow to occur while it moves westward at 15 to 20 mph across the eastern and central portion of the tropical Atlantic. Regardless of development, this system will likely bring areas of heavy rain across the Cabo Verde Islands later today and Thursday.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10 percent.

* Formation chance through 7 days...low...20 percent.

Tropical Development: No tropical cyclone formation expected in the Atlantic basin over the next seven (7) days.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025:

ADVISORY: Southeast Bahamas: Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters
North and Southeast Bahamas(open waters): Small craft caution

WINDS: North Bahamas- Northeast 10 to 15 knots
Northwest Bahamas - East 10 to 15 knots
Central Bahamas- Northeast to east 12 to 18 knots
Southeast Bahamas- East 15 to 20 knots.

SEAS: North & Northwest Bahamas- Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open waters- 3 to 4 feet;
Atlantic exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Central Bahamas- Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open waters- up to 3 feet; Atlantic
exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Southeast Bahamas- Sheltered areas – 1 to 3 feet; open waters- up to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed
waters 4 to 6 feet.

PRECIPITATION: Moderate to high risk for convection for the North to Northwest Bahamas...
Low to moderate risk for convection for the Central Bahamas...
Low risk for convection for the Central Bahamas...

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025:

ADVISORY: Entire Bahamas: Small craft advisory for the Atlantic exposed waters

WINDS: North Bahamas- North to northeast 10 to 15 knots
Northwest Bahamas - East to southeast 10 to 15 knots
Central Bahamas- East to southeast 12 to 18 knots
Southeast Bahamas- Southeast 15 to 20 knots.

SEAS: North & Northwest Bahamas- Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open waters- 3 to 4 feet;
Atlantic exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Central Bahamas- Sheltered areas – less than 2 feet; open waters- up to 3 feet; Atlantic
exposed waters 4 to 5 feet.
Southeast Bahamas- Sheltered areas – 1 to 3 feet; open waters- up to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed
waters 4 to 5 feet.

PRECIPITATION: Moderate to high risk for convection for the North to Northwest Bahamas...
Low to moderate risk for convection for the Central Bahamas...
Low risk for convection for the Central Bahamas...

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