



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

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

SPECIAL WARNING: RIP CURRENTS:
The Atlantic-exposed & Southern Great Bahama Bank
Southeast Bahamas: Moderate to high rip current risk — Mariners & swimmers remain in port and onshore.
AIR QUALITY: (Saharan Dust)
North & Northwest Bahamas: Satisfactory-Minor breathing discomfort to sensitive people.
Central & Southeast Bahamas: Moderate-Minor to moderate breathing discomfort to sensitive people due to long-term exposure.

WARNINGS: MARINE CONDITIONS:
Atlantic exposed, Open Waters, Nearshore & Sheltered:
• Southeast Bahamas: Small craft remain in port.

GENERAL SITUATION: A strong high-pressure signature continues to be the dominant feature, with its centre northeast of the Abacos, keeping the atmosphere relatively stable. Dust is suppressing thunderstorm and shower development, so widespread convection is unlikely. With the ridge nestled across the northern islands, boating conditions will be very tranquil. Down south, the winds and seas will keep an advisory flag in place with wave heights reaching 6 feet. This is induced by a westward-moving tropical wave, sweeping across the Caribbean Sea.

OUTLOOK: OUTLOOK
Monday & Tuesday
No significant changes in the forecast as the ridge sags across the northern country. Please continue to monitor all warnings provided by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology...

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

ADVISORY: None...
WINDS: East to southeast less than 10 knots overnight
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas, the Little Bahama Bank, open waters & Northwest Providence Channel- less than 2 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 2 to 4 feet.
GULF STREAM: Less than 2 feet
SWELLS: Light southeast for the Atlantic exposed waters
WEATHER: Fair and dry.

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

ADVISORY: None...
WINDS: East 10 to15 knots overnight
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas & open waters - less than 2 feet, Northeast Providence Channel & Exuma Sound (north), - 1 to 3 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 to 4 feet.
SWELLS: Light east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed waters
WEATHER: Fair to partly cloudy and dry.



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

ADVISORY: *Small craft should exercise caution...*
WINDS: East 15 knots with higher gusts overnight
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas- less than 3 feet; open waters, the Exuma Sound (south) – 2 to 3 feet, Crooked Island Passage- 2 to 4 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 4 to 5 feet.
SWELLS: Light to moderate east for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Fair to partly cloudy, breezy and dry.

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

ADVISORY: *Near-gale warning for the Southeast Bahamas ending after midnight.
Small craft should remain in port.*
WINDS: East 15 to 25 knots with higher gusts overnight...
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas- 2 to 4 feet; open waters – 4 to 6 feet; and all passages – 3 to 4 feet and the Atlantic exposed waters – 4 to 5 feet.
SWELLS: Moderate east locally & for the Atlantic exposed; large east swells around Inagua.
WEATHER: Fair to partly cloudy and windy with the slight chance for isolated showers or two.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
10:11 PM	11:26 AM MON
Waxing Crescent	
First Quarter Moon (Wed 19 th August 2026 @ 10:46 pm)	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	11:39 PM	11:30 PM	11:32 PM	11:46 PM
LOW TIDE:	05:49 AM MON	05:47 AM MON	05:40 AM MON	06:09 AM MON
HIGH TIDE:	12:12 PM MON	12:03 PM MON	12:05 PM MON	12:19 PM MON
LOW TIDE:	6:24 PM MON	6:22 PM MON	6:15 PM MON	6:44 PM MON

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30.
Elsewhere, the tropics is quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days.



EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: None

WINDS: **North Bahamas-** Southwest to west 10 knots or less throughout the day becoming southwest 10 to 15 knots overnight.
Northwest Bahamas – Light and variable less than 10 knots or less throughout the day and east overnight.
Central Bahamas – Northeast 10 to 15 knots throughout the day and northeast to east 10 feet overnight with higher gusts.
Southeast Bahamas – Northeast to east 10 to 15 knots throughout the day and east 10 to 15 knots overnight with higher gusts.

SEAS: **North to Central Bahamas** – All areas less than 2 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 3 to 4 feet
Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas- 2 to 3 feet, open waters- 3 to 4 feet; all passages - 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– 4 feet

SWELLS: **North to Central Bahamas:** Light east to southeast swells for the Atlantic waters.
Southeast Bahamas: Light to moderate east for open waters & the Atlantic waters.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY: None

WINDS: **North Bahamas-** Northwest to west 10 knots or less throughout the day and overnight.
Northwest Bahamas – Light and variable less than 5 knots or less throughout the day and overnight.
Central Bahamas – Northeast to east less than 10 knots throughout the day and east 10 knots overnight.
Southeast Bahamas – East 10 knots throughout the day and overnight with higher gusts.

SEAS: **Entire Bahamas** – All areas less than 2 feet; Atlantic exposed waters– 3 feet

SWELLS: **Entire Bahamas:** Light east to southeast swells for the Atlantic waters.

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