



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 P.M. EST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 2026, FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECASTS WILL BE ISSUED AT 6:00 A.M. EDT TOMORROW.

SPECIAL
WARNING:

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING :
Southeast Bahamas: High risk for strong to possible severe.
Remaining Bahamas: Low to moderate risk for strong to possible severe.
Mariners should be vigilant for thunderstorms with gusty winds, heavy rainfall, frequent lightning, *heavy downpours, and possible funnel cloud formation.*
THUNDERSTORM:
Entire Bahamas: Moderate risk for isolated showers and thunderstorms.
RIP CURRENTS:
The Atlantic-exposed & Southern Great Bahama Bank
Entire Bahamas: Light to moderate rip current risk — Mariners & swimmers should exercise caution.
AIR QUALITY: (Saharan Dust)
Entire Bahamas: Marginal- Air quality will improve overnight, posing little or no risk.

WARNINGS:

MARINE CONDITIONS:
Atlantic exposed:
• **Entire Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution...
Open Waters, Nearshore & Sheltered:
• **North to Central Bahamas:** None...
• **Southeast Bahamas:** Small craft should exercise caution...

GENERAL
SITUATION:

A frontal boundary located just north of Grand Bahama will influence the northern islands, while a pre-frontal trough will extend across the northern Bahamas. Meanwhile, a surface trough drifting westward across the southern portion of the country will contribute to increasingly unsettled conditions. Winds are expected to gradually strengthen as the pressure gradient tightens, resulting in building seas and increasingly hazardous marine conditions. These conditions are expected to persist through the end of the week. The Bahamas Department of Meteorology will be monitoring the thunderstorm activity closely.

OUTLOOK:

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Thursday & Friday: Pressure gradient will be tight across the entire archipelago, inducing moderate to fresh breezes and moderate chop to choppy seas. The front will move over Grand Bahama and the Abacos on Wednesday, stalling over the area Wednesday into Thursday.

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

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: Northeast to east 10 to 15 knots tonight becoming east 15 knots tomorrow.
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; Northwest Providence Channel & Gulf Stream – 2 to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed waters- 3 feet.
GULF STREAM: 2 to 3 feet
SWELLS: Light east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed waters
WEATHER: Fair with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: *None*
WINDS: East near 15 knots tonight and east tomorrow.
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; open waters- 2 to 3 feet; Atlantic exposed waters-3 feet.
SWELLS: Light east-southeast for the Atlantic exposed waters
WEATHER: Fair with isolated showers and thunderstorms.



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

ADVISORY: *Small craft should exercise caution for the Atlantic waters*
WINDS: East 10 to 15 knots tonight and tomorrow.
LOCAL SEAS: All areas- less than 2 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters- 3 feet.
SWELLS: Light east for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Fair with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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

ADVISORY: *Severe weather warning tonight, Small craft should exercise caution for the Atlantic waters, an advisory for southern Great Bahama Bank...*
WINDS: Northeast 10 to 15 knots with higher gusts tonight becoming east around 15 knots tomorrow.
LOCAL SEAS: Sheltered area, open waters and all passages – less than 2 feet; and the Atlantic exposed waters – 3 feet.
SWELLS: Light east swells for the Atlantic exposed
WEATHER: Fair to partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
9:56 PM	12:03 PM WED
Waxing Crescent	
First Quarter Moon (Fri 18 th September 2026 @ 4:44 pm)	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
LOW TIDE:	5:51 PM	5:49 PM	5:42 PM	6:11 PM
HIGH TIDE:	11:48 PM	11:39 PM	11:41 PM	11:55 PM
LOW TIDE:	05:49 AM WED	05:47 AM WED	05:40 AM WED	06:09 AM WED
HIGH TIDE:	12:19 PM WED	12:10 PM WED	12:12 PM WED	12:26 PM WED

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

TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK: Hurricane Season: June 1 – November 30.

1. Central Subtropical Atlantic:
A trough of low pressure located about 800 miles east-southeast of Bermuda continues to produce disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Environmental conditions are forecast to become more conducive for development in a couple of days, and a tropical depression could form late this week as the system moves slowly westward to west-northwestward over the subtropical Atlantic.
Elsewhere, the tropics is quiet and tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 7 days.



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EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	Near gale watch for the North to Central Bahamas Gale watch for the Southeast Bahamas overnight North to Central Bahamas - Showers and thunderstorms possible strong to severe.
WINDS:	Entire Bahamas- East 10 to 15 knots throughout the day & overnight. Winds near gale for the northern islands.
SEAS:	North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; Northeast Providence Channel – 2 to 4 feet; Gulf Stream – 3 to 5 feet and Atlantic exposed waters– up to 6 feet. Central Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Exuma Sound (south) & Crooked Is. Passage- 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Mayaguana & Caicos Passage- 3 to 4 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– 4 to 5 feet
SWELLS:	North Bahamas: Moderate to large northeast swells for the Atlantic waters. . Remaining Bahamas: Light to moderate mixed swells for the Atlantic waters.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2026:

ADVISORY:	Gale watch for the Southeast Bahamas overnight North to Central Bahamas - Showers and thunderstorms possible strong to severe.
WINDS:	Entire Bahamas- Northeast to east 10 to 15 knots throughout the day becoming light and variable for the northern islands & east to southeast near 10 knots for the southern islands overnight. Winds gale force for the Southeast Bahamas.
SEAS:	North & Northwest Bahamas – Sheltered areas- less than 2 feet; Northeast Providence Channel – 2 to 3 feet; Gulf Stream – 3 to 4 feet and Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet. Central Bahamas – Sheltered areas – Less than 2 feet; open waters, Exuma Sound (south) & Crooked Is. Passage- 2 to 3 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– up to 4 feet Southeast Bahamas – Sheltered areas – 2 feet; open waters, Mayaguana & Caicos Passage- 3 to 4 feet; the Atlantic exposed waters– 4 to 5 feet
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