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SPECIAL MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT

Special Marine Weather Statement issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology at 12:00 pm EDT Friday, 05th November 2021.

An area of low pressure in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico will move northeast (NE) this afternoon and impact the Extreme Northern islands through Sunday. The low is expected to deepen (strengthen) off the Central-Northeast coast of Florida, or north-northwest of Grand Bahama, Saturday morning and further strengthen north-northeast (NNE) of the forecast area by Sunday. Additionally, a robust cold front will accompany the low pressure and a strong high pressure center will build eastward in wake of the frontal low. Strong southwest and west winds will precede the frontal low pressure and northwest to northerly winds will follow. Frequent wind gusts to near gale and possible gale force are likely ahead and behind the frontal low. Further, extremely large ocean waves will impact the islands beginning tonight through Sunday night while large ocean swells will impact the islands Monday through Wednesday.

The Bahamas Department of Meteorology has issued a Severe Marine Weather Watch for the Extreme Northwest Bahamas, which includes the islands of Bimini, Grand Bahama, Abaco, and The Berry Islands, along with their adjacent waters effective Friday, 05th November 2021. A Marine Weather Watch will come into effect for the islands of Andros, New Providence, Eleuthera, Cat Island and San Salvador on Monday 08th November due to swells associated with the system. Boaters in the Extreme Northern Bahamas should remain in port from Friday night and those in the remainder of the Northwest Bahamas should not venture far from port.

Dangerous surf conditions are expected to affect the north, east, and west coast of Grand Bahama, Bimini, Berry Islands and Abaco islands while large ocean swells will impact the entire Northwest Bahamas starting on Monday. Residents and motorist are urged to exercise extreme caution while traversing coastal roads Monday through Wednesday as they might be impacted by minor coastal flooding, possible road debris and sea spray.

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