



BAHAMAS MARINE FORECAST

MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS ISSUED BY THE BAHAMAS DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY AT 6:00 A.M. EDT, Saturday, April 18, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED AT 12:00 P.M. EDT.

WARNINGS:	<p>Tidal Levels: Due to the recent New Moon, low tide levels will be significantly lower than normal through Tuesday, 21st April. Mariners should exercise extreme caution when traversing shallow areas due to the increased risk of vessels running aground.</p> <p>Rip Currents: A marginal risk of rip currents along all Atlantic-exposed beaches and shorelines. Beachgoers and swimmers are advised to exercise caution when entering these waters.</p>
GENERAL SITUATION:	<p>High pressure ridging continues to promote favorable boating conditions across the archipelagic chain through the weekend. Meanwhile residual moisture from a dissipated trough continues to generate some light passing showers through tonight.</p> <p>Outlook: On Monday, a late-season cold front is expected to move into the Northern Bahamas, bringing an increase in shower activity along with moderate to strong breezes and building seas. This will result in a return to unsettled weather and deteriorating marine conditions across the island chain through the remainder of the work week.</p>

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

ADVISORY:	Small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic exposed waters.
WINDS:	Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet but up to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
GULF STREAM:	2 feet or less.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY:	Small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic exposed waters.
WINDS:	Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet but up to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY:	Small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic exposed waters.
WINDS:	Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet but up to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers.

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

ADVISORY:	Small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic exposed waters.
WINDS:	Easterly at 10 to 15 knots, falling light and variable.
LOCAL SEAS:	2 to 4 feet but up to 5 feet in Atlantic waters.
SWELLS:	Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 30% chance of showers with the chance of isolated thunderstorms.



MOONSET:	MOONRISE:
07:17 AM	09:12 PM
Moon Phase: NEW MOON	
First Quarter, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:31 PM	

ISLAND TIDES:	NORTHERN (GRAND BAHAMA):	NORTHWEST (NEW PROVIDENCE):	CENTRAL (EXUMA):	SOUTHEAST (INAGUA):
HIGH TIDE:	09:10 A.M.	09:01 A.M.	09:03 A.M.	09:17 A.M.
LOW TIDE:	03:10 P.M.	03:08 P.M.	03:01 P.M.	03:30 P.M.

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

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR SUNDAY 19TH APRIL, 2026:

ADVISORY:	Gale Watch (34-40 knots) in effect for the Northern and Northwest Bahamas . A small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters across the island chain. Boaters, particularly small craft operators, should seek safe harbour and remain in port.
WINDS:	Insert text data here, in this format.
SEAS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters. Central Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 4 to 6 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas around 2 feet.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight to moderate easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	10 to 20% chance of showers.

EXTENDED FORECAST FOR THE BAHAMAS FOR MONDAY 20TH APRIL, 2026:

ADVISORY:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Gale Watch (34-40 knots) is in effect. Gale Warnings (34-40 knots) are expected to come into effect Monday night. Boaters, particularly small craft operators, should seek safe harbour and remain in port. Central & Southeast Bahamas: A small craft caution is in effect for Atlantic-exposed waters. Small craft operators should not venture far from port.
WINDS:	Northern Bahamas: North to northeast at 10 to 15 knots falling light and variable. Building 15 to 25 knots during the afternoon hours but 20 to 25 knots with gusts to gale force by Monday evening into overnight hours. Northwest and Central Bahamas: Easterly at 10 knots or less, <i>backing</i> Northeast to east at 15 to 25 knots by afternoon hours. Winds in the Northwest Bahamas are expected to increase 20 to 25 knots with possible gusts to gale force during the night into overnight hours. Southeast Bahamas: East to southeast at 10 to 15 knots.
SEAS:	Northern Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic exposed waters during the day; building to 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 5 to 7 feet offshore sheltered waters and up to 11 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters late Monday night. Northwest Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, and 2 to 4 feet in offshore sheltered and Atlantic-exposed waters during the day, building to 3 to 5 feet nearshore waters, 4 to 6 feet offshore sheltered waters and 6 to 9 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters late Monday night. Central & Southeast Bahamas: 2 feet or less nearshore waters, 2 to 4 feet offshore sheltered waters, and 3 to 5 feet in Atlantic-exposed waters. Gulf Stream: Seas around 2 feet, building to 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet in the afternoon; seas 7 to 10 feet, occasionally to 13 feet, building to 9 to 13 feet, occasionally to 17 feet after midnight.
SWELLS:	Northern & Northwest Bahamas: Slight easterly swells during the day; moderate to large northeasterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters Monday night. Central & Southeast Bahamas: Slight easterly swells over Atlantic-exposed waters.
WEATHER:	Northern Bahamas: 20-30% chance of showers Elsewhere: 10 to 20% chance of showers.



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