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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

General Situation

Cold, showery northerly airflow in the east at first will moderate as a ridge of high pressure builds across the United Kingdom from the west. A milder southwesterly airflow will follow across much of the United Kingdom through Wednesday and into Thursday with gales in the north.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7 increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later in north, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, but moderate in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North 2 or 3 backing west or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

North backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Rough becoming slight.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

North backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Wintry showers at first then fair.

Good.

Rough becoming slight.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 then backing west, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Wintry showers at first then fair.

Good.

Moderate or rough becoming slight.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6 backing west 2 or 3, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Slight.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 for a time, then becoming west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

North becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in southwest.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

North 3 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Slight or moderate.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 2 or 3 increasing 5 or 6 later.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Slight or moderate.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Isolated showers.

Good.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Slight in south, moderate or rough in north.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Rain.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, increasing rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Rain.

Moderate occasionally good.

Rough or very rough, increasing high in west.

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