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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 03 April to 0600 UTC Thursday 04 April 2019

General Situation

Low pressure to the east of Scotland will move steadily southwestwards through Wednesday, bringing gales to many northern and western waters, and maintaining unsettled weather for all parts. This low will become slow-moving near the Bristol Channel by thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 7 to severe gale 9, veering northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times in south.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north, becoming moderate or rough. Rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 6 or 7, veering easterly 5 or 6 later, but becoming variable 3 or 4 later in south.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, becoming easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming mainly moderate in south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, veering easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly southwest, 4 or 5, becoming east 5 or 6, backing northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering southeast, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Rain or showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southwest, 3 or 4, becoming east or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable or cyclonic, becoming mainly southeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate for a time in north.

Showers, occasionally thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly southwesterly, 3 or 4, becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, occasionally thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, backing southeasterly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, occasionally 7 at first in west.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, backing west 4 or 5, then south 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Showers, occasionally thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, backing southeast later, 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or showers, occasionally thundery.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5 in east, 6 or 7 in west, and occasionally gale 8 at first in far west, becoming cyclonic mainly westerly, 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough west of the Lizard, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.

Showers, occasionally thundery, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Very rough at first near the Isles of Scilly, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or showers, occasionally thundery.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing northwesterly, then becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far west, decreasing 4 at times in east. Moderate or rough in west, slight or moderate in east. Thundery showers, rain later. Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, mainly easterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Moderate or rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate. Rain or showers, occasionally thundery. Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far west, becoming cyclonic, then easterly later, 5 or 6. Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later. Rain or thundery showers. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly, veering southeasterly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, occasionally 7 later in north. Slight or moderate. Rain or showers, occasionally thundery. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far northwest, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6 later. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough far at first in far west. Rain then showers. Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time at first, then occasionally 7 later. Slight or moderate. Showers, occasional rain later. Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later. Moderate or rough, becoming mainly moderate. Occasional rain or showers. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast, veering southeast later, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 for a time. Slight or moderate. Occasional rain or showers. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, veering northeasterly 5 or 6. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far northwest, becoming slight or moderate in east.

Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time at first, then occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering northeasterly 5 or 6.
Rough at first in North Channel, otherwise slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time at first, then occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering northeast 6 or 7, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later.
Wintry showers then rain, becoming mainly fair later.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, veering east 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate for a time.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 7 to severe gale 9, veering northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in far north, becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later in south.
Wintry showers, then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, veering easterly 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 7 to severe gale 9, veering northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.
Wintry showers, then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, veering easterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Wednesday 03 Apr 2019 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 03 Apr 2019 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A frontal trough over Shetland waters clears westwards this morning with a complex area of low pressure moving west into Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale now ceased but northerly severe gale force 9 expected later (issued 02/0347Z)

Northerly 6 to gale 8 at first in west, otherwise northeasterly 5 to 7

Rough or very rough

Rain then showers

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 03 Apr until 0600 UTC on

Thursday 04 Apr:

Northeasterly 5 to 7

Mainly rough

Showers dying out

Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northwesterly 2 to 4 but locally variable 3 to 5, perhaps with gusts of up to 30kt near showers, backing westerly 4 to 6 around midnight, then

southwesterly by dawn tomorrow, perhaps locally 7 with gusts of up to 40kt.

Mainly slight, perhaps locally moderate today, increasing mainly moderate towards dawn tomorrow.

Scattered showers, occasionally heavy with hail and a risk of thunder, becoming more isolated for a time in the afternoon and evening.

Good or very good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 to 6, backing southeasterly towards dawn Friday, locally 7 at times during the day then again towards dawn Friday, with gusts of up to 40kt near showers.

Mainly moderate, but increasing rather rough to rough in the northwest of the area for a time today and then again after midnight.

Scattered showers, locally heavy with hail and a risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

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