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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1200 UTC Friday 03 February  
2017

#### General Situation

A deep Atlantic low to the west of Ireland will move northwards towards Iceland, whilst another deep area of low pressure moves northwards across the United Kingdom during Friday and Saturday. These will bring very unsettled and in places very windy conditions during the next couple of days.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough around Orkney and Rattray Head.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Very rough at first and again later near Orkney and Rattray Head, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south later, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough for a time.

Occasional rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in north.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, backing southeast 6 to gale 8, then veering south or southwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough for a time in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, backing southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south or southwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8, then veering southerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough for a time.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8, then veering southwesterly gale 8 or severe gale 9, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly for a time 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Showers, rain later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic or southwesterly gale 8 or severe gale 9, becoming variable 4, then northwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest, then becoming cyclonic later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in west.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming west 7 to severe gale 9, becoming variable 4, then west or southwest later, 5 or 6.

Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough in Bristol Channel, otherwise very rough or high and becoming very high for a time in west.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, becoming west or southwest 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or outbreaks of rain, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing southeast later.

Rough or very rough becoming very rough or high and very high for a time in far south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, becoming cyclonic, then west or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Very rough at first in south, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough in Liverpool Bay, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, becoming cyclonic, then west or southwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 or 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough becoming rough or very rough, becoming mainly moderate later.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing east or southeast 5 to 7 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6

later.  
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough for a time.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South becoming cyclonic, then southwest later, 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.  
Showers then rain.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly veering southerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in North Channel.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly becoming cyclonic, then southwesterly later, 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.  
Showers then rain.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast veering south or southwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South becoming cyclonic, then west later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.  
Showers then rain.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast veering southwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in south.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing east 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast veering southwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high later.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing east 5 to 7 later.

Very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2017 at 1200 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2017 at 0000 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

A very strong southeasterly flow will persist.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 expected later (issued 01/1544 UTC).

Southeast 6 to gale 8.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

Southeast 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later  
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in far northeast.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good

#### Channel Islands - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southeast to south 6 to 7, locally gale 8 with gusts to 50 kt in the north, veering southwest by evening, backing south to southeast 5 to 6 towards dawn, increasing 7 to gale 8 Friday morning, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Rather rough, locally rough in the south, rough to very rough in the north of the area.  
Scattered showers, dying out overnight, then occasional rain in the morning.  
Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast to south 7 to severe gale 9, veering westerly late afternoon, perhaps locally storm 10 with gusts to 65kt, decreasing 6 to gale 8 late evening, backing southerly 4 to 6 by midnight, becoming north to northwest by morning.  
Rather rough to rough, locally very rough, increasing rough to very rough during the afternoon, slowly decreasing overnight.  
Rain at times, locally heavy, clearing Saturday morning.  
Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

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