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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 04 May to 0000 UTC Friday 05 May 2017

#### General Situation

A large area of high pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea will maintain an easterly or northeasterly airflow across the British Isles.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Slight throughout in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first in north and near Rattray Head.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near st andrews bay and Firth of Forth, decreasing 3 at times in north.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near st andrews bay and Firth of Forth, decreasing 3 at times in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming moderate.

Drizzle at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in east.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in east, decreasing 4 at times in west.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time in west, then occasionally 6 later in east.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering east 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time, but occasionally 6 near headlands.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate in west.

Showers at first in east, otherwise fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Moderate or rough.

Rain later in west.

Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, but becoming variable 3 for a time in northwest.

Moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in north.  
Slight or moderate, but becoming rough near land's end.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight near the english coastline, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight near the english coastline, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally variable 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, decreasing 3 at times in north.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly east 3 or 4, becoming northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight near Sutherland, otherwise moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly east 3 or 4, becoming northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

Valid Thursday 04 May 2017 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 04 May 2017 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

High pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea will maintain fair weather across the Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: None.

Northeasterly 4 or 5, veering easterly 2 or 3 in south.

Moderate or rough in north, moderate in south.

Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 04 May until 0000 UTC on Friday 05 May:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, becoming variable 2 at times in south.

Rough at first in northwest, otherwise moderate, but becoming slight or moderate later in south and east.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 5, occasionally 6, increasing 5 to 6 in the evening, locally 7 by midnight.

Slight to moderate, occasionally rather rough in the north and west later.

Isolated showers, dying out in the afternoon.

Good, locally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to east 5 to 6, locally 7, increasing 6 to 7 by the afternoon, perhaps locally gale 8.

Moderate to rather rough with a decreasing swell, becoming rough in the north and west in the afternoon.

Risk of a shower in the morning rain spreading from the south in the evening.

Good, locally moderate in any showers, becoming moderate to poor in rain later.

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