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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 March to 1800 UTC Thursday 03 March 2016

General Situation

An area of low pressure will move southeastwards down the North Sea with a brief ridge of high pressure to follow. A new area of low pressure will move eastwards into the United Kingdom later on Thursday and during Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming mainly northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate in east, very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later in north.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in north.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming mainly northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming mainly north or northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Mainly slight.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5, then east or northeast 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly north or northwest, backing south later, 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, backing east or northeast 5 to 7.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southerly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near North Foreland, becoming smooth or slight later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly, then becoming cyclonic, 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then westerly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain or showers later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south, then veering northwest 5 to 7, then veering north 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing south 5 or 6 later.

Very rough or high at first in west, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, except in far west.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west or northwest, then north later, 5 to 7.

Rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5,

backing south 5 to 7 later.
Very rough or high becoming moderate or rough.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west or northwest, then north later, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 or 4,
then backing south 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 5 or 6, veering northwest, then northeast later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale
8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, backing south later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in south, becoming slight later.
Wintry showers, fair later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic, then northeast, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later in southwest.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 or 6,
then backing east or southeast 6 or 7 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.
Wintry showers at first, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or southeast backing northeast 6 or 7.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or sleet for a time.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southeast 5 or 6
later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north, becoming slight or
moderate later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic, mainly southeast 5 or 6, becoming northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale

8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, mainly southeasterly 5 or 6, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing east or southeast 5 or 6 later.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast backing northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northeast later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high for a time in far north and in far south.

Rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northeast later.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 Mar 2016 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low over south and west Shetland waters moves away southeast on Wednesday evening then returns north later on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9

Variable 3 or 4 becoming north or northwest 4 or 5 but 6 or 7 in far west.
Moderate or rough but very rough in west, occasionally slight later in east.
Isolated showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar until 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar:

North or northwest 4 or 5 but 6 or 7 at first in west, becoming cyclonic 3 or 4 for a time in east.
Moderate or rough but very rough at first in west and occasionally slight in east close to southeast Shetland.
Showers soon increasing in west.
Good occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to gale 8, perhaps locally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 6 to 7 by dawn and 3 to 5 by midday, backing southwest during the afternoon.
Very rough, locally high at first, decreasing rough soon after dawn, and moderate to rather rough in the afternoon.
Isolated squally rain or hail showers dying out during the morning risk of thunder overnight occasional rain spreading from the west during the afternoon.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South to southwest 4 to 5, increasing 5 to 6 early evening, veering west and increasing 6 to 7 by midnight, further veering northwest 5 to 6 by dawn, decreasing 2 to 3 by midday, perhaps becoming variable for a time.
Moderate to rather rough increasing rather rough to rough for a time overnight, decreasing slight with swell Friday afternoon.
Occasional rain clearing during the evening scattered showers developing.
Moderate to poor becoming mainly good overnight, occasionally moderate in showers.

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