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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 04 January to 1800 UTC Friday 05 January 2018

#### General Situation

A large, multi-centred area of low pressure will continue to bring very disturbed and at times very windy conditions during the next day or so, especially for the south. However, a much colder northeasterly airflow will develop across northern areas on Saturday as high pressure builds to the northwest, and this will spread south to most places by Sunday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in north.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming east or northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Showers, but rain in south.

Good, occasionally moderate, but poor for a time in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, but westerly 6 to gale 8 for a time in south.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.

Showers, wintry later.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest for a time, 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time, becoming cyclonic 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 or 4, becoming northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Showers, thundery for a time.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Showers, fair for a time.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 later.

Rough or very rough.

Thundery showers later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Thundery squally showers later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 and becoming cyclonic later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in far west, but mainly moderate in lyme bay.

Rain or squally thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic or west 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 for a time overnight, becoming cyclonic 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Very rough or high.  
Rain or squally thundery showers.  
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later in Bristol Channel.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time, then becoming cyclonic 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Thundery showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate in north.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, becoming cyclonic 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Good, occasionally moderate.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northeast 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, but slight in shelter.  
Showers, mainly in north.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time later.

Moderate or rough, but slight in shelter.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.  
Moderate, occasionally rough near Mull of Kintyre.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 or 6 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, wintry later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly backing northeasterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers, wintry later.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.  
Rough or very rough.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly backing northeasterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in north.  
Showers, wintry later.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.  
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in north.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 04 Jan 2018 at 1800 UTC until Friday 05 Jan 2018 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will move east across the UK on Thursday and Friday whilst pressure builds strongly across Faeroes and Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northeasterly gale force 8 expected soon, increasing severe gale force 9 later. Issued 04 Jan at 1000 GMT

Northeasterly, 4 or 5 occasionally 3 in east, increasing 6 or 7 later in far northwest

Very rough occasionally high in northwest, otherwise moderate or rough

Mainly fair

Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 05 Jan until 1800 UTC on Friday 05 Jan:

Northeasterly 3 or 4 in east, otherwise 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later in far northwest

Very rough occasionally high in northwest, otherwise moderate or rough

Showers, some wintry.

Good occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 mid-channel at first, decreasing 5 to 7 by midday and 3 to 5 late afternoon.

Rough to very rough, becoming moderate to rather rough Friday afternoon.

Scattered squally showers with a risk of hail and thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 3 to 5, increasing 4 to 6 after midnight, becoming cyclonic variable 2 to 4 around dawn, then northeast 3 to 5 by midday.

Moderate to rather rough with a moderate swell, decreasing slight to moderate after midnight.

Scattered squally showers risk of hail and thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

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