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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 03 February to 0000 UTC Saturday 04 February 2023

General Situation

A strong westerly flow covers the region, with gales at first in Scotland. A transient ridge of high pressure gradually builds through the day, easing winds and backing the flow southwesterly, associated with largely settled conditions with perhaps the odd shower or spot of rain in the north. Winds then start to strengthen from the northwest through Saturday as frontal band of rain gradually pushes southeastwards across the United Kingdom, with squally showers feeding into the northwest behind.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing west or southwest 3 to 5.

Very rough or high in far north until later, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 to 6, veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough in far north, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Rain for a time, then squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 to 6, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore.

Rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, decreasing 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, veering westerly 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate offshore.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later near the wash.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in northeast.
Mainly fair, then rain later in north.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or northwesterly 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight later.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first west of the Isles of Scilly and smooth later in shelter.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north or northwest later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter, otherwise rough later west of the Isles of Scilly.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End, and slight later in Bristol Channel.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering northeast later, 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight in Bristol Channel and rough later near Lands End.

Mainly fair, then rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northeast later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, then rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northwest later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, then rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 to 5.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Rain at first, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Rain for a time, then squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first in Firth of Clyde, backing southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain at first, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain for a time, then squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 to 6, backing southwest later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Rain at first, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time, then veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Rain for a time, then squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest, then decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in south, and slight later in north.

Rain for a time, then squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 or 6, veering west 6 to gale 8, then northwest 5 to 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Rain for a time, then squally showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Strong northwesterly flow will ease later on Friday morning as a ridge of high pressure builds from the west. Warm front will approach from the southwest in the afternoon.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly severe gale force 9 imminent, veering northwesterly and increasing storm 10 later. Issued 1559UTC on Thur 2 February 2023.

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at first for a time, decreasing 4 to 6 later
Rough or very rough, becoming high at first for a time. becoming moderate in waters east of Shetland later
Showers
Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:
Northwest 4 to 6 decreasing variable 3 for a time, becoming south 5 to 7 later
Rough, occasionally very at first. moderate in waters east of Shetland
Rain later
Good becoming moderate occasionally poor later

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:
West to southwest 3 to 5, veering west to northwest during the afternoon, decreasing 2 to 4 later.
Slight to moderate, becoming smooth or slight with a low swell later.
Isolated light showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 2 to 4, locally variable 1 to 2 near the french coast at times.
Smooth or slight with a low swell.
Isolated light showers.
Good.

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