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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 02 August to 0600 UTC Thursday 03 August 2023

#### General Situation

A wet and windy period as an unseasonably deep low pressure system moves eastwards across England and Wales. Strong winds for most with gales expected along the south coast of England. Bands of heavy rain and showers, with thunder likely at times.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast backing north, 2 to 4, occasionally 5 near Cape Wrath.  
Smooth or slight until later south and east of Orkney, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly, then northwesterly later, 3 to 5.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain at first in south, otherwise showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in north, becoming variable 2 to 4 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 to 5, backing northeast 5 or 6, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 to 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate, then moderate or rough later.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 to 5.

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

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly southerly, 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, then becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough far offshore.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near northeast Norfolk.

Showers, thundery at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Showers, perhaps thundery at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northwest 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in south, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later near shore.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

In lyme bay, moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate later, elsewhere rough or very rough, occasionally high at first near the Isles of Scilly.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later west of land's end.

Rough or very rough south and west of the Lizard peninsula, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate at first in east and later in west.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in southwest, then veering northerly 3 to 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in southwest, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 to 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering north, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate in north, but moderate or rough in south.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 to 6, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near St Davids Head.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast backing northeast, 4 to 6, then northwest 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain or showers, perhaps thundery in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East backing north, 5 or 6, then north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Occasional rain or showers at first, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East 4 to 6, backing north 3 to 5, then northwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, backing northerly 3 to 5, then northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast backing northeast, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 near Tiree, then backing north 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in central belt.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northern and southern entrances.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north later, 4 to 6.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first in northeast, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
A light or moderate northerly flow covers Shetland Waters

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Nil

North 2 to 4  
Slight in southeast, moderate in northwest  
Showers  
Good, occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 02 Aug until 0600 UTC on Thursday  
03 Aug:  
North 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later  
Slight or moderate  
Showers  
Good, occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South west 6 to 7, occasionally gale 8 with gusts to 50kt from mid-morning, veering  
westerly 5 to 7 in evening, then northwest 4 to 5 by dawn.  
Rather rough to rough, increasing rough to very rough by midday, becoming rather  
rough to rough by dawn.  
Squally showers, with areas of rain and drizzle at times, perhaps locally heavy.  
Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 to 5.  
Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate to rather rough in the afternoon, then  
slight to moderate with a low swell overnight.  
Occasional showers, with areas of rain and drizzle perhaps locally heavy, becoming  
isolated in afternoon.  
Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor.

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