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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 03 January to 0600 UTC Sunday 04 January 2015

General Situation

The changeable and often unsettled weather will continue for the next few days, although an area of high pressure will bring quieter conditions for a time to many areas on Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time, backing southwest 5 to 7 later. Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough or high until later north and west of Orkney.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near Cape Wrath.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Cape Wrath.

Showers, occasional rain later in west.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near Rattray Head, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in south.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, veering northwest 4 or 5.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 4, then northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 or 6, veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8, then veering northerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly becoming variable, 3 or 4, then becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, becoming mainly slight later.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then veering north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 3 or 4, veering south or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight in shelter.

Fair, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southeast 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in west.

Rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest, 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in lyme bay.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7 at first in north, otherwise southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northeasterly then southeasterly, 4 or 5.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate becoming rough, but becoming very rough for a time in west.

Rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest.

Moderate occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later in east.

Fair then occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in far south, then becoming easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, but slight north of angelsey.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight becoming mainly moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

West veering north or northwest, 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Rain at first.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 at first in southeast, otherwise northerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far northwest, becoming slight later in east.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.

Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 at first in south, otherwise northerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain at first in south.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing south, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 later in north.

Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 in north.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far north and far south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Very rough becoming rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Rough becoming very rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

Valid Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong and unstable northwest airflow will develop over Shetland on Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly violent storm force 11 decreasing severe gale force 9 soon

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough in west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 03 Jan until 0600 UTC on Sunday 04 Jan:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, backing west 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in west.

Wintry showers dying out.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to 7, veering west by afternoon and increasing locally gale 8 for a time, decreasing 5 to 6 by evening, veering northeast to east 4 to 5 around midnight.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming rough to very rough during the morning, moderating overnight.

Occasional rain or drizzle, clearing for a time this afternoon.

Moderate to poor, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4, veering southeast in the morning, then southerly by evening and decreasing 2 to 3.

Slight with swell.

Rather cloudy.

Good.

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