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

General Situation

The very deep area of low pressure known as storm ciaran is now moving slowly northwards across the North Sea. It continues to bring strong locally gale force winds to the british inshore waters, as well as showers or longer spells of rain, some of which will be heavy.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 to 6, then backing north 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in east.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, backing west or northwest, then south or southwest later, 2 to 4.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then north or northeast 2 to 4 later.

Rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first and 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, backing southeast 2 to 4, then north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing southwest later.

Moderate.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south or southeast, then north or northwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in east.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in east.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, backing southerly 6 to gale 8, then veering westerly, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, becoming thundery.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7, decreasing 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, then west or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.

Mainly rough or very rough, but moderate in lyme bay and becoming high for a time near the Isles of Scilly.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 to 6, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 for a time, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in west, occasionally very high later in far west.

Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing south or southwest later.

Rough or very rough in west, moderate or rough in east.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 to 6, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 for a time, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east, becoming very rough later in west.

Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, then backing west or southwest 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 2 to 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then north 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing east, then north later, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south, then east, 3 or 4, then north 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, backing westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, becoming variable, then north or northwest later, 2 to 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight except in far north.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times elsewhere.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate for a time in North Channel.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northerly or northeasterly 2 to 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 to 6, backing northwest 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, becoming variable, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in central areas.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate between barra and canna.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Friday 03 Nov 2023 at 0000 UTC until Friday 03 Nov 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Storm Ciaran will drift slowly northwards into central North Sea bringing an east or northeasterly flow to Shetland Waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale now ceased but northeasterly gale force 8 expected soon (issued 0950 UTC on Thu 2 Nov)

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in far south

Rough, but moderate in sheltered waters west of Shetland

Rain at times

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Nov until 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Nov:

East or northeast 4 to 6

Mainly rough

Rain at times

Moderate or good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to southwest 4 to 6, veering west to northwest 5 to 7 around midday, backing west to southwest 4 to 6 later.

Rather rough to rough, locally moderate with a low swell in the southeast of the area for a time, generally increasing rough to very rough in the afternoon.

Isolated showers, becoming scattered and locally heavy later, with a risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, backing south to southeast 6 to gale 8, with gusts to 50kt, by dawn, veering west to southwest by mid-morning, decreasing 5 to 7 in the afternoon, veering west to northwest later.

Rough, decreasing rather rough for a time overnight, locally moderate with a low swell in the far southeast at times.

Rain then showers, heavy at times, with a risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor.

