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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 03 March to 1200 UTC Friday 04 March 2016

General Situation

A developing area of low pressure will move off the Atlantic and slowly drift southeastwards across the United Kingdom during the next couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in north.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later, in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Rattray Head, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 5 or 6 later.

Smooth at first in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5, then east 5 to 7 later.

Slight becoming moderate, then occasionally rough later.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5, then cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Slight becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight for a time in south.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time later.

Rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6 later. Smooth or slight in south, slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later, in north.

Fair the occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northerly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, but rough in far west.

Rain for a time, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far west.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain for a time then showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in southwest.
Occasional rain or showers.
Mainly good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest backing south for a time, then becoming cyclonic later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northeast later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time.
Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing north 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southwest.
Rain or sleet at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northeast later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain or sleet.
Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time.
Rain then fair.
Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor at first, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then north or northeast later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing north, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Mainly fair.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northerly or northeasterly later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later in North Channel.

Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then north or northeast later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later.

Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east 5 or 6, backing northeast 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough and very rough later in far north and in far south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Very rough at first in far north and in far south, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in central areas.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east 5 or 6, backing northeast 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough, occasionally high later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

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

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 1200 UTC until Friday 04 Mar 2016 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Slack low pressure area over the Shetland Basin, with a fresh to strong north or northeasterly flow over waters to the west of Shetland.

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

Cyclonic 3 or 4 to the east of Shetland. north or northeast 4 or 5 to the west. Moderate in the east, rough in the west.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Mar until 1200 UTC on Friday 04 Mar:

Cyclonic becoming mainly northeast 3 or 4 to the east of Shetland. northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 to the west.

Moderate in the east, rough in the west.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 5, backing west 3 to 4 mid-afternoon and southwest to south 4 to 5 by evening, further increasing 5 to 6, veering west around midnight and northwest by morning, decreasing 3 to 4 by midday.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming rather rough to rough for a time tonight.

Isolated showers occasional rain spreading from the west by evening, locally heavy overnight, clearing to isolated rain or hail showers by morning with a risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers or rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest or variable 2 to 4, becoming northerly 3 to 4 in the evening, perhaps locally 5 by morning.

Mainly slight with swell.

Scattered rain, hail or sleet showers becoming isolated overnight risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

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