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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1800 UTC Friday 03 February
2017

General Situation

Deep areas of low pressure over and around the United Kingdom will bring very unsettled and for some, very windy conditions at times, during the next few days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Occasional rain then showers, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, except in shelter.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in north.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Rain at first.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

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

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast later, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

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

Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly backing southeasterly later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeasterly veering southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.
Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming southwest gale 8 or severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic, mainly easterly.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later.
Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high for a time.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming westerly gale 8 or severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7, then backing easterly.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest becoming cyclonic, then west later, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.
Very high for a time in far west, otherwise very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough later.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 4, then north 5 or 6, backing west 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, except in far west.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6, then becoming cyclonic, then westerly later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in west, becoming rough or very rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in south, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming west 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Very rough at first in south, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in west, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

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

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west or southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and west.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 6 or 7, decreasing 5 for a time, then becoming cyclonic later.

Rough or very rough, becoming mainly moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming southwest 5 or 6.

Mainly moderate.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in southeast, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then becoming cyclonic.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough, and very rough or high for a time in southeast, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming mainly good later.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering southerly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then becoming cyclonic.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in North Channel, then becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming mainly good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing south or southeast 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later in southeast.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in northwest.

Occasional rain.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough north of skye, rough or very rough to south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south, becoming slight for a time in central areas.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2017 at 1800 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2017 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very strong southeasterly flow will persist.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 soon, then veering southerly later (issued 02/1554 UTC).

Southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale force 9
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:
Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northeast.
Showers.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 5 to 7, backing south to southeast by dawn, increasing 7 to gale 8 in the morning, veering west to northwest around mid-afternoon and increasing gale 8 to severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt for a time, then west 6 to gale 8 by evening.
Rather rough to rough in the south becoming rough to very rough in the afternoon, rough to very rough in the north, locally high for a time tonight.
Scattered showers, with the risk of thunder, dying out overnight, then occasional rain from morning mainly clearing by evening.
Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers becoming moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, backing southerly and decreasing 4 to 6 by midnight, further backing easterly by morning, northwesterly by midday, then southwesterly 4 to 5 by evening.
Rough to very rough, becoming slight to moderate overnight.
Rain after midnight, locally heavy, clearing Saturday morning showers developing by evening.
Moderate to poor, occasionally good, becoming mainly good by Saturday afternoon.

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