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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 01 January to 0600 UTC Thursday 02 January
2020

General Situation

Strong to gale southwesterly winds covering northern waters of the United Kingdom, will extend further south and east to reach all waters by Thursday afternoon. Severe gales are likely across far northwestern waters during Wednesday night.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time near Cape Wrath.

In north, rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth, occasionally rough later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain in north.

Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

In north, rough or very rough, becoming high, but slight or moderate, occasionally rough in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later near Rattray Head.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in south.

Rain for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly 2 to 4, veering southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight, becoming smooth for a time in shelter.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight, becoming moderate occasionally rough.
Drizzle for a time.
Moderate or good, occasional poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough.
Drizzle at times, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near the Isles of Scilly.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first in east, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in far west.
Mainly fair, rain or showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later near St Davids

Head.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later near St Davids Head.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in the Bristol Channel.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 to 6, veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near St Davids Head, veering northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.

Drizzle at times, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south, 2 to 4, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later near Anglesey.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate occasionally rough later.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near St Davids Head.

Mainly fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 2 to 4, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later, veering southwest later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate occasionally rough.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 later, occasionally gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing

4 or 5 later in south.

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

Fair then rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7 later, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Fair then rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Fair.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in west.

Fair then occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain and drizzle later.

Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain and drizzle then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.

Rough becoming very rough, occasionally high later.

Rain and drizzle later.

Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally rough at first.

Rain and drizzle then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Wednesday 01 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 01 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weakening occluded front will cross Shetland waters this Wednesday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue:
Southwesterly gale force 8, increasing severe gale force 9 later, issued at
2145 UTC on 31 December

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8

Very rough in north and west, rough in southeast, but moderate in well-sheltered eastern waters

Mainly fair, perhaps patchy light rain at first.

Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 01 Jan until 0600 UTC on
Thursday 02 Jan:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 in northwest.

Rough at first in southeast, otherwise very rough, becoming high in northwest.

Fair

Good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 2 to 4, becoming south to southwest overnight, increasing 5 later in far northwest.

Smooth to slight, becoming moderate during the early hours of Thursday in far northwest, with a low swell.

Occasional rain or drizzle until around midday with mist or fog patches mainly in the southeast.

Moderate to poor, locally very poor, becoming locally good after midnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South to southwest 3 to 5, increasing 6 to 7 in northwest from mid morning to late evening, then 6 at times overnight in southeast, veering west 4 to 5 later in northwest.

Slight to moderate, increasing rather rough in northwest for a time during the afternoon until late in the night, with a low swell.

Mainly fair, some mist near french coasts at times.

Moderate to good, locally poor.

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