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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 03 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 04 February  
2016

#### General Situation

A cool northwesterly airflow will back to a milder southwesterly. An active cold front will reach northwestern areas on Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4, then south or southeast 4 or 5 later. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north, becoming slight or moderate in east.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, veering southwest 5 to 7.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 then south 4 or 5 later.

Rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise slight or moderate.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, veering southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in northeast.

Occasional rain, otherwise mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, backing south 3 or 4 later. Moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, veering southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate.

Occasional rain, otherwise mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest at times, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, otherwise mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, backing southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, otherwise mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, backing southwesterly 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing south or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in west.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers then occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in north.  
Occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in far north.  
Occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.  
Rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest backing south at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far north and in far south.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest backing south at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.  
Rough occasionally very rough.  
Wintry showers then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 03 Feb 2016 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 04 Feb 2016 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Transient ridge of high pressure builds over Shetland and surrounding waters by Thursday, before deep Atlantic low pushes frontal trough northeast into the area later Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 04 Feb until 1800 UTC on Thursday 04 Feb:

Northwest becoming variable 3 or 4, then southeast 5 or 6 later.  
Rough.

Fair, but rain later in southwest.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later in southwest.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 later this evening, backing west to southwest overnight, then west by morning, increasing 5 to 6 for a time in the morning, decreasing 4 to 5 in the afternoon.

Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate to rather rough overnight, then mainly moderate in the afternoon.

Occasional rain and drizzle after midnight.

Good, becoming moderate to poor overnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 5, backing southwest to south overnight, increasing 5 to 6 Friday afternoon.

Slight to moderate with a low swell.

A little patchy rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate to poor, perhaps occasionally good.

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