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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 04 January to 0600 UTC Sunday 05 January 2020

General Situation

The west to northwesterly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will gradually back southwesterly during the next day or two bringing strong winds to many areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Very rough or high to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Rough or very rough to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest later, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 to 6, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West backing southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest later, 3 to 5.
Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest later, 3 to 5.
Rough becoming moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough in north, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough near the Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough near Tiree.
Showers then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 to 6, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first in central areas.
Rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 to 6, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Very rough or high.
Rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming high later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea moving away, allowing a temporary ridge to build across the area. This clears east later Saturday as Atlantic fronts feed across your area.

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

Northwesterly gale 8, backing southwesterly later, issued at 21:47 UTC on Fri 3 Jan 2020

Northwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 5 to 7 later
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in northwest, but moderate just east of Shetland

Mainly fair, rain later
Good, occasionally moderate later

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first
Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland
Occasional rain
Moderate occasionally poor

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 3 to 4 locally 5 mid-channel until evening, backing west to southwest overnight.

Slight, perhaps locally moderate mid-channel, with a low swell.

Isolated light showers from afternoon.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 to 4, locally 5 mid-channel, backing southwest to south by evening.

Slight, occasionally moderate mid-channel, with a low swell.

Isolated light showers mist and a risk of fog patches near french coasts by morning.

Good, locally poor or very poor later.

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