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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Tuesday 04 February to 1200 UTC Wednesday 05 February
2020

General Situation

Low pressure in the North Sea is quickly filling, allowing high pressure to build across the United Kingdom from the southwest.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first near Rattray Head, then backing southwest 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Moray Firth.

Showers later in north.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north, decreasing 2 or 3 later in east.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers mainly in north.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing west or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming mainly slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 to 6, then backing west 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later nearshore.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in north.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north, becoming slight later.

Rain or showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, veering northerly 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeasterly later, 2 or 3.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, veering north 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, occasionally slight later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, veering north 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight in east.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in west.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, veering north 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west, becoming slight later in east.

Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 to 5, backing southwest 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less at times in east.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in North Channel, backing westerly, then southwesterly later, 3 or 4.

Very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight in south and east.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Moderate or rough in north, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in North Channel, backing westerly, then southwesterly later, 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in North Channel, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Kintyre.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing westerly 3 or 4, then southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in northwest.

Moderate or rough.

Showers in north.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east.

Showers, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing southwesterly later 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north and far south.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing southwesterly later 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first, occasionally moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 05 Feb 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will topple across Shetland waters with a strengthening westerly flow following.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 veering northerly and decreasing gale force 8 soon, issued 1613 UTC 3rd Feb 2020

North or northwest 3 to 5 backing west 4 or 5.

Rough, occasionally moderate east of Shetland, but slight in shelter close to Shetland

Mainly fair

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Wednesday 05 Feb until 1200 UTC on Wednesday 05 Feb:

West 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Rough, but moderate east of Shetland and slight in sheltered waters close to Shetland.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7 with gusts to 45kt, decreasing 4 to 6 around dusk, veering northeast and decreasing 2 to 4 overnight, then east to southeast 1 to 3 by noon tomorrow.

Rough, perhaps locally very rough in the west at first, decreasing rather rough this evening, then slight with a low swell by tomorrow morning.

Isolated showers, dying out this afternoon.

Good, locally moderate this afternoon.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to southeast 1 to 3, locally variable at first, increasing 2 to 4 in the evening, then 3 to 5 by Thursday morning.

Slight, locally smooth until Thursday morning, perhaps locally moderate mid-channel later a low swell throughout.

Fair or fine risk of mist or fog patches near the french coast Thursday morning.

Good, perhaps locally poor or very poor Thursday morning.

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