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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 02 January to 0000 UTC Friday 03 January 2020

General Situation

A southwesterly flow covers the British Isles during Thursday. Atlantic fronts then move eastwards on Friday, with a northwesterly flow following.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath.

Slight or moderate in south, rough or very rough in north, but occasionally high to the northwest of Orkney.

Fair then rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Moderate or rough in south, very rough or high in north, but occasionally very high to the west of Orkney.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, mainly in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers later, wintry in north.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later, otherwise mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.
Occasional rain later, otherwise mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first and again later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough later.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Southeast 3 or 4, veering southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
Smooth or slight at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west or northwest, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west, becoming slight at times later in shelter.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Smooth or slight at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, veering west or northwest, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first, then becoming slight at times later in east.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, veering northwesterly later in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in south.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly at first in south, otherwise westerly or northwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far south.
Occasional rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Liverpool Bay.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Fair then rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Mainly fair then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Rough or very rough in northwest, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Mainly fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in the North Channel.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in shelter.

Mainly fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and far south.

Fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later in south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and far south.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of western isles.

Fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later in south.

Very rough or high.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low northeast of Iceland and a filling low approaching the west of the British Isles will both push their associated fronts east across Shetland Waters on Thursday.

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

Southwesterly severe gale force 9 continuing issued at 11:05 UTC on Wed 1 Jan 2020

Southwesterly 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in northwest.

High in northwest, very rough in southeast, but rough just east of Shetland.

Occasional rain later

Good, occasionally moderate later

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan until 0000 UTC on Friday 03 Jan:

Southwesterly 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 northwest at first, veering westerly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 to severe gale 9 later.

Very rough, occasionally high in northwest, and rough just east of Shetland.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 2 to 4 veering southwest 4 to 5 during early hours, increasing 5 to 6 by late morning and occasionally 7 mid-channel from midday.

Across southeast of the area, smooth or slight, locally moderate during evening with a low swell across northwest of the area, slight with a low swell increasing moderate to rather rough mid-morning, locally rough after dusk.

Occasional drizzle and mist, especially morning and evening, with a risk of fog patches.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor, perhaps locally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 6, occasionally 7 in north, veering west to northwest before dawn, then northwest 4 to 6 by midday and decreasing 4 to 5 by dusk.

Moderate to rather rough, but rough in the north and west, increasing generally rather rough to rough from before dawn till dusk.

Rain and drizzle, locally heavy, with mist patches, clearing early afternoon.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good during afternoon.

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