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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 January to 0600 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 in north.

In north, rough or very rough, becoming high later west of Orkney, in south, slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Occasional 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.

In north, very rough or high, but mainly rough in shelter east of Orkney, in south, slight or moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Showers, occasionally wintry in north.

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 for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Fair then showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later, otherwise mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 for a time.  
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 for a time.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Thames estuary.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, veering southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 to 5, veering southwest 5 to 7.  
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, occasionally 7 at first.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
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 veering west or northwest later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.  
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:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west, becoming slight 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:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7.  
Smooth or slight at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 to 6.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first, then becoming slight at times in east.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in south.  
Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest backing west, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest backing west, 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 5 to 7.  
Mainly moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far northwest.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Mainly fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in the North Channel.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in shelter, but occasionally high later in far northwest.

Mainly fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8.

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

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

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:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

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 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 1800 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 gale force 8, increasing storm 10 soon, issued 16:40 UTC on Wed 1  
Jan 2020

Southwesterly 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in northwest, veering  
westerly 6 or 7 in north and west later.

High in northwest until later, otherwise very rough, but rough just east of  
Shetland.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan until 0600 UTC on Friday  
03 Jan:

Southwesterly 7 or gale 8 at first in southeast, otherwise westerly 6 to gale 8,  
occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Very rough, but rough just east of Shetland, becoming high in north and west  
later.

Rain then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 5 increasing 5 to 6 by late morning and occasionally 7 mid-  
channel from around midday, veering southwest to west before dawn.

Slight with a low swell increasing moderate to rather rough and locally rough in  
mid-channel by dusk overnight increasing rather rough to rough and becoming  
very rough in the west.

Occasional drizzly rain and mist, especially this morning and from late evening,  
with a risk of fog patches this morning.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 5 to 6, locally 7 in north, veering northwest during morning,  
then decreasing 4 to 5 during afternoon and decreasing 3 to 4 overnight.

Rather rough to rough, and very rough in the west till midday, then decreasing  
moderate during the afternoon with a low to moderate swell.

Rain and drizzle with mist patches, clearing during afternoon.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good during afternoon.

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