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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 01 February to 1200 UTC Friday 02 February
2018

General Situation

Low pressure close to southwest Norway will gradually sink southeastwards and fill, but will maintain the very strong northerly or northwesterly airflow throughout the rest of today and into tonight. Thereafter, winds will ease during Friday as a ridge of high pressure moves eastwards.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later. High at first in north, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable, then mainly southwest later, 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 at times later.

Slight or moderate near firths of Forth and Tay, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers, occasionally squally.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, veering north 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, backing northwest 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough for a time.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, mainly in east.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Showers in far east.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, backing northwest 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in far west.

Rough or very rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 or 6, backing southwesterly 4 or 5, then veering northerly 6 to gale 8 later in far west.

Moderate or rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in southwest.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest backing south for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough in southwest, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers at first, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time in south.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later, backing south 3 or 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight for a time.
Showers at first, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North backing southwest for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Showers, fair later.
Good occasionally moderate or poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, backing south 4 or 5, then veering north 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time in east, then becoming moderate or rough later in north.
Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in North Channel, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5, then veering northwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north, becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later south of skye.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6, then veering northwest later.

Smooth or slight for a time south of skye, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

High becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6, then veering northwest later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 01 Feb 2018 at 1200 UTC until Friday 02 Feb 2018 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong, showery northerly airstream covers Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 later (issued 31/2147)

North 7 to severe gale 9

Mainly high in west, otherwise rough or very rough

Squally showers

Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 02 Feb until 1200 UTC on Friday 02 Feb:

Northerly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first

Rough or very rough

Squally showers

Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 6 with gusts to 35kt, veering north on Friday morning.

Rather rough, occasionally rough in the south and west.

Isolated rain or hail showers, mainly in the south.

Good or very good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 by mid-afternoon and 2 to 4 in the evening, backing west overnight, becoming variable Saturday morning.

Rather rough, locally rough in the south at first, decreasing slight to moderate overnight with a low swell.

Isolated showers, dying out by midnight outbreaks of rain spreading from the west before dawn.

Very good, locally moderate in showers, bemoaning moderate to good on Saturday, locally poor.

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