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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 03 March to 0600 UTC Friday 04 March 2016

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over the United Kingdom during Thursday morning, before an area of low pressure moves eastwards over the British Isles later on today and during Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly veering northeasterly later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time, then occasionally 7 later in northwest.

Slight or moderate in southeast, moderate or rough occasionally very rough at first in northwest.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in southeast, rough or very rough in northwest.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Rattray Head, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming east 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing northeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Slight occasionally moderate later.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast backing northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6 backing southerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later but cyclonic 6 to gale 8 later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, backing southwesterly 3 or 4, then increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, veering northerly later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 4 or 5, then backing southwest 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, veering north 3 or 4 later, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly 6 to gale 8, but becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time in east.

Rough, becoming very rough later west of the Lizard, slight or moderate east of the Lizard.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south, 5 or 6, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 4 for a time in east, veering northerly 5 to 7 later, occasionally gale 8 later in west.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough at first in south.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 veering northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming north or northeast, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain at times later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northeast, backing north later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming cyclonic then northeasterly later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Showers then occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing northeasterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southeast then backing northeast later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough at times.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, becoming east or northeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough at times in far north and in far south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough at times in far north and in far south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, becoming east or northeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough at times.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An area of low pressure over North Sea moves north over southern Norwegian Sea while an Atlantic low moves southeast over UK through Thursday and into Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 imminent, issued at 02/1607 UTC

Cyclonic, mainly northerly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 or 7 at first in west.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.
Occasional rain or sleet.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar until 0600 UTC on Friday 04 Mar:

Cyclonic, mainly northerly, 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northwest.
Occasional rain or sleet.
Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 to 5 by midday, backing west 3 to 4 mid-afternoon then southwest to south 4 to 5 by evening, increasing 5 to 6 occasionally 7, veering west around midnight and northwest 4 to 5 by morning.

Rough to very rough, decreasing moderate by this afternoon, becoming rather rough to rough for a time tonight.

Isolated showers with the risk of hail at first dying out this morning
occasional rain by this evening, locally heavy overnight, clearing to isolated showers by morning.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers or rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 5, decreasing 3 to 4 in the morning, becoming variable 1 to 4 in the afternoon, becoming northerly 3 to 4 in the evening, perhaps locally 5 by morning.

Moderate, becoming mainly slight during the morning, with swell.

Scattered rain, hail or sleet showers becoming isolated overnight risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

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