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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 03 August to 0000 UTC Thursday 04 August 2016

General Situation

An area of low pressure currently centred 200 miles west of Northern Ireland will track steadily eastwards across the British Isles over the next 48 hours, bringing rain and strong winds to most areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly, backing northeasterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 except near Orkney.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Rain or showers, fog patches in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 at first except near Orkney, becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers, fog patches at first in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south or southwest, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering northerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in east.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering north 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering north later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in east.

Moderate.

Rain or drizzle and fog patches at first, becoming mainly fair.

Moderate, occasionally very poor at first, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Rain or drizzle and fog patches at first, becoming fair.

Moderate, occasionally very poor at first, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Mainly fair, occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Showers.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 or 7, veering northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 or 7, veering northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight, becoming moderate for a time.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight, becoming moderate for a time.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate, occasionally slight in Firth of Clyde.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

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24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming north 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far south.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time in south, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Mainly slight in central areas, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in far south.
Rain or showers, fog patches at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 for a time in far south, then becoming north 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 later in far north.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time in south, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Rough, becoming moderate later.
Rain or showers, fog patches at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 03 Aug 2016 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 03 Aug 2016 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Low northwest of Ireland extends troughs towards Shetland. The low tracks east or northeast over Scotland Wednesday night, into North Sea early Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southeasterly 4 backing easterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 later in south.
Moderate, occasionally slight in lee of southwest Shetland at first.
Rain or showers soon, mainly in south.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 03 Aug until 0000 UTC on Thursday 04 Aug:

Easterly backing northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first in north, becoming cyclonic 3 or 4 later in southeast.
Moderate becoming occasionally rough in south.
Rain or showers spreading north. Fog patches possible later in south.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor, perhaps very poor later in south.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 by dawn, further decreasing 3 to 4 by late morning and veering westerly, increasing 4 to 5 in the afternoon, perhaps 6 mid channel Wednesday evening.
Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight to moderate for a time late morning. Periods of rain and drizzle, heavy at times, gradually clearing during the morning.
Moderate to poor, becoming good during the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 4 to 5, perhaps 6 guernsey northwards at first, veering west to northwest and decreasing 3 to 5 by Thursday evening.
Moderate to rather rough with a low swell.
Isolated showers by mid morning.
Good, perhaps moderate in showers.

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