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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 02 February to 0000 UTC Friday 03 February 2023

General Situation

A warm front continues to cross the United Kingdom eastwards, giving way to a strong westerly flow with gales expected in Scottish waters. Outbreaks of rain and drizzle at times, particularly along northern coastlines.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 2 to 4, becoming cyclonic 4 to 6, then northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far north.

Occasional rain and drizzle, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, backing westerly 3 to 5, then southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough until later in far north.

Mainly fair, then occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 4 to 6, then veering west or northwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth at first near shore, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain or drizzle at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore and rough at first near Rattray Head.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or drizzle at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
West 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 to 6.
Smooth in the wash and Thames estuary, otherwise slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate offshore.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near the Isles of Scilly.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near the Isles of Scilly and smooth later in shelter.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in Bristol Channel.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in Bristol Channel, backing west or southwest 3 or 4.
Moderate, occasionally rough near Lands End and slight in shelter.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6.
Moderate, occasionally slight near great orme head.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Moderate, occasionally slight later in shelter.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6.
Moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle, then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 near Lough Foyle.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in Firth of Clyde.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in Firth of Clyde, becoming variable 2 to 4 for a time, then southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Rain and drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time at first, then backing southwest later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 to 6, becoming westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.

Slight at first in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far south.

Rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, becoming variable 2 to 4 for a time, then southwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far south, becoming slight for a time near skye.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 to 6, becoming westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.

Rough or very rough.

Rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, becoming variable 2 to 4 for a time, then southwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Very rough, occasionally rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weak ridge of high pressure will soon decline as Atlantic fronts move east later on Thursday

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

Variable 3 or less becoming southeast 4 to 6

Moderate or rough

Rain later in west

Good occasionally moderate later in west

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

Southeasterly 5 to 7 veering westerly 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in west

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west

Rain, becoming mainly fair later in south

Moderate or poor, becoming good later in south

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 3 to 4, occasionally 5 in the north of the area, backing west to southwest by afternoon.

Slight to moderate.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 to 4, occasionally 5 in the north of the area, veering west to northwest by evening.

Slight to moderate, becoming smooth or slight with a low swell by early evening.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

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