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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 01 January to 1200 UTC Saturday 02 January 2021

General Situation

An unstable northerly or northeasterly flow will continue to affect the British Isles throughout the next couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, 4 to 6.

Rough west and north of Orkney and at first near Rattray Head, otherwise moderate, becoming slight in inner Moray Firth.

Showers, perhaps wintry later in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly, veering northeasterly later 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in north and east.

Slight until later in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight in st andrews bay and Firth of Forth.

Showers mainly north of Aberdeen.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Mainly slight until later in st andrews bay and Firth of Forth, otherwise moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Rough becoming moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, then veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later in north.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest veering northeast later, 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight in south.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near north Norfolk.

Showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly or northeasterly, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, occasionally smooth.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth, occasionally slight.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, occasionally 5, except at first.

Smooth, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Moderate west of Penzance, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers, mainly in west.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, veering northeast 4 to 6 later.

Moderate west of Penzance, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, decreasing 2 or 3 at times in east.

Mainly moderate southwest of lundy island and near St Davids Head, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly veering northeasterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in west.

Mainly moderate southwest of lundy island and near St Davids Head, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Mainly smooth in Cardigan Bay, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North veering northeast, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth south of the llyn peninsula.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near great orme head.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North veering northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 for a time.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, 4 or 5.

Slight.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth for a time in east.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel.
Smooth or slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers in North Channel, otherwise mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northeasterly, 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North veering northeast, 4 or 5.
Slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Mainly fair.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 until later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 until later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later near Ardnamurchan Point.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, 3 to 5.
Slight near Ardnamurchan Point, otherwise moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 01 Jan 2021 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 02 Jan 2021 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
High pressure building to the west of Shetland.

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

North 5 or 6
Rough but becoming moderate in the south.
Showers
Good occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan until 1200 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan:

North 5 or 6
Moderate but rough in the north and west at first.
Mainly fair.
Very good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 1 to 3 at times the southeast of the area until early evening, otherwise north or northeast 2 to 4, increasing 5 at times from late evening in the northwest of the area, perhaps locally 6 mid-channel later.

Slight, locally smooth, with a low swell, occasionally moderate from late tonight in the northwest.

Isolated wintry showers, mainly in the northwest, then rain at times after dusk spreading southwards mist for a time this evening near the coast of France.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 1 to 3 in the far southeast of the area at first, otherwise north 3 to 5, veering northeast overnight.

Smooth or slight, locally moderate in the far west at first.

Outbreaks of rain until mid afternoon, then isolated showers for a time before outbreaks of rain return overnight, mainly in the northwest.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

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