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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Tuesday 04 February to 0000 UTC Wednesday 05 February
2020

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure to the northeast of Scotland will maintain the strong, westerly or northwesterly airflow across the British Isles overnight. High pressure will then build over the country through Tuesday to bring a spell of much quieter weather that will last into Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, becoming northerly 5 to 7, then backing westerly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight at times in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough, or high at first, in far northwest.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, mainly in north.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 to 5, backing west later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, veering north 4 to 6, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, then veering north 4 to 6, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing west or southwest, 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering northerly 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 4 or 5, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 at times in south.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering northerly 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Showers, squally at first, becoming fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering north 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.
Showers, squally at first, becoming fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering northerly 3 to 5 later.
Very rough at first in far west, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.
Showers, becoming fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southeasterly 4 or 5 later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in northeast.
Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then veering northerly 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 3 or 4 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in far north, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Occasional rain or showers, squally at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest, 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then 3 or 4 later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing west 2 or 3, then south or southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in north, decreasing 4 to 6, occasionally 3 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high until later in north, becoming slight

later in south and east.

Occasional rain or showers, squally at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in North Channel, decreasing 4 to 6, occasionally 3 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time in North Channel, becoming smooth or slight at times later.

Occasional rain or showers, squally at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Kintyre.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in south, decreasing 4 to 6, backing westerly or southwesterly later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and in far south, becoming slight at times in central areas.

Showers, occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing 7 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in south, decreasing 4 to 6, backing westerly or southwesterly later.

Very rough or high, becoming rough.

Showers, occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing 7 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far west.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

Valid Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 0000 UTC until Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A complex low near southern Shetland at midnight will fill and move away southwards allowing a ridge of high pressure to approach from the west.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 veering northerly and decreasing gale force 8 soon, issued 1613 UTC 3rd Feb 2020

Cyclonic 3 to 5 at first in south, otherwise northeasterly 6 to gale 8, backing northerly 4 or 5 later.

High at first in southwest, otherwise very rough, but rough east of Shetland, becoming generally rough later, and moderate in shelter east of Shetland.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Tuesday 04 Feb until 0000 UTC on Wednesday 05 Feb:

North backing west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough, becoming moderate in southeast, and slight in sheltered waters just east of Shetland.

Showers later.

Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7 increasing 6 to gale 8 overnight, decreasing 5 to 7 during the late afternoon and veering north to northwest 4 to 5 during the evening, locally 3 by midnight.

Rough, locally very rough in the west around dawn, decreasing rather rough around dusk and then moderate before midnight with a low swell.

Scattered showers dying out by early afternoon.

Good but moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 3 to 4, veering north to northeast 2 to 3 before dawn, veering east by midday and then east to southeast 2 to 4 by midnight.

Moderate decreasing slight overnight, locally smooth after midday, with a low swell throughout.

Fair or fine.

Good.

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