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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 03 March to 1800 UTC Friday 04 March 2016

General Situation

A developing area of low pressure will slowly drift southeastwards across the United Kingdom during tonight and on Friday. As the low moves into Europe on Saturday. A strong, cold northerly airflow will develop.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate until later in east, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7.

Very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southeast 3 or 4, backing northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth at first in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5, then east or northeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable, mainly westerly later, 3 or 4.

Slight becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, and moderate or rough later in north.

Fair the occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly 5 to 7, then veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south, then veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering westerly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough becoming very rough later in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, veering northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far west.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering west, then north later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in west.

Occasional rain then showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South veering west or northwest 5 to 7, then veering north 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in south.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South becoming cyclonic, then northeast later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, and rough later in southwest.

Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southwest.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, veering west or northwest, then north or northeast later, 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet, becoming fair later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate occasionally rough.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in North Channel.
Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly backing northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Mainly fair.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East 4 or 5, backing north or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough and very rough in far north and in far south.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Very rough at first in far north and in far south, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in central areas.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East 4 or 5, backing north or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Mainly fair.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 1800 UTC until Friday 04 Mar 2016 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Slack low pressure area over the Shetland Basin, with a fresh to strong north or northeasterly flow over waters to the west of Shetland.

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

Cyclonic 3 or 4 to the east of Shetland. north or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 to the west.

Moderate in the east, rough in the west.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

Cyclonic becoming northeast 4 to the east of Shetland. northeast 6 or 7 to the west.

Moderate in the east, rough in the west.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 4 to 5, increasing 5 to 6 this evening, veering west towards midnight, perhaps locally 7 mid-channel, then northwest 4 to 5 by dawn, decreasing 2 to 4 by midday, becoming variable in the south.

Moderate increasing rather rough to rough for a time overnight, decreasing slight by midday.

Occasional rain, perhaps locally heavy around midnight, clearing before dawn isolated rain or hail showers developing, with a risk of thunder.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 2 to 4, becoming cyclonic variable in the evening, then northerly 4 to 6 by dawn.

Slight with swell, becoming moderate on Saturday, locally rather rough in the south.

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

Good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

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