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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 01 February to 0600 UTC Friday 02 February  
2018

#### General Situation

A deep area of low pressure currently in the North Sea will slowly move southeastwards and fill during the next 48 hours. This will bring westerly or northwesterly gales and squally showers to many areas today. These winds will then ease from the west on Friday as a weak ridge of high pressure moves eastwards.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering north 6 to gale 8, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate in inner Moray Firth otherwise rough or very rough in east and mainly high in north.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 then backing south or southwest later.

Slight or moderate in inner Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times until later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head.

Wintry showers, occasionally squally.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7, backing northwest 4 or 5, then backing west 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers at first.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing west 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North 5 to 7, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5, then backing west 3 or 4 later.  
Rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers, mainly in east.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, veering northwest later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times in west.  
Rough or very rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Squally showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.  
Showers at first in west, occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 5 to 7, increasing 6 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in southwest.

Squally showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 6 to gale 8.  
Moderate or rough.  
Squally showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.  
Showers, occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.  
Moderate or rough.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate, becoming slight.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.  
Moderate or rough.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate, becoming slight.  
Rain at times later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Very rough or high in north, moderate or rough elsewhere.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or southwest.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in North Channel.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough until later near Mull of Kintyre.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing westerly or southwesterly later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6.  
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or northwest 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough in central areas, otherwise very rough or high elsewhere until later.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3, then backing southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in the far north and in the far south.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Very rough or high, becoming rough later.  
Squally wintry showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3, then backing southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 01 Feb 2018 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 01 Feb 2018 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A strong and unstable northerly airflow will affect Shetland waters on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Severe gale force 9 veering northerly and decreasing gale force 8 later (issued 31/2147)

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in west.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in west

Showers, heavy at times

Good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 01 Feb until 0600 UTC on Friday 02 Feb:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in west at first.

Rough or very rough, but high in west at first

Showers

Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kt near showers, decreasing 5 to 6 during the morning, perhaps 7 again for a time in the evening.

Rough to very rough, decreasing rather rough to rough during the morning.

Scattered rain or hail showers, with a risk of thunder, becoming isolated.

Good or very good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to north 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 in the afternoon, backing west 3 to 4 in the evening and southwest Saturday morning.

Rather rough to rough, decreasing slight to moderate with a swell overnight.

Isolated rain or hail showers, dying out in the afternoon outbreaks of rain before dawn on Saturday.

Very good, locally moderate to poor in showers and in rain later.

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