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

General Situation

Remaining unsettled as an unseasonably deep low pressure centre crosses England and Wales eastwards during the next 24 hours. Strong winds for most with gales expected along the southern coast of England. Bands of heavy rain and showers, with thunder at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast, backing north later, 2 to 4, occasionally 5 near Cape Wrath. Slight or moderate north and west of Orkney, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly, then northerly later, 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain for a time in south, otherwise showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing northwesterly, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 2 to 4, backing east 4 to 6, then north later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing northwest, 4 to 6, then veering north 3 to 5 later.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 4 to 6, then north 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, then moderate or rough later.

Rain or showers, turning thundery for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7, backing northwest 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly southerly, 3 to 5, becoming southwesterly 5 to 7, then veering northerly or northwesterly later.

Smooth until later in the wash and Thames estuary, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north and far south.

Rain or showers, turning thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near northeast Norfolk.

Showers, thundery at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, veering westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then smooth or slight later.

Showers, perhaps thundery at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in south.

Rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, veering northwest 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, then veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough except in lyme bay, then very rough or high for a time near the Isles of Scilly.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first west of the Isles of Scilly.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first south and west of the Lizard peninsula, becoming smooth or slight in lyme bay.
Showers.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly becoming cyclonic, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in southwest, then becoming northwesterly 4 to 6 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high in southwest.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly, 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally slight later in Bristol Channel.
Showers.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, north 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in south.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.
Moderate or rough at first in south, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 to 5, becoming cyclonic 4 to 6, then north 3 to 5 later.
Smooth or slight, occasional moderate.
Rain or showers, perhaps thundery in south.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 to 5, occasionally 6 near Mull of Galloway, backing northwest 5 to 7 later.
Smooth or slight, occasional moderate, becoming slight or moderate later.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, backing northeast 5 or 6, then north 4 or 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Rain then showers, perhaps thundery.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, backing northwest 5 or 6.
Slight, becoming slight or moderate, then moderate later.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 to 5, backing northeast 4 to 6, then north later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 to 5, backing northeasterly 4 to 6, then northerly 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate mainly in the North Channel.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 to 5, backing northwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later in North Channel.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in the North Channel.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast backing northeast, 3 to 5, then north 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter and rough later in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast, then north later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in central belt.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northern and southern entrances.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast, 4 to 6, then north later.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first in northeast and rough later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A mainly light northerly flow covers Shetland Waters

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

Northerly 2 or 3, but 4 in west

Slight in southeast, moderate in northwest

Showers

Good, occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 02 Aug until 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 Aug:

North 2 to 4

Slight or moderate

Showers

Good, occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering southwest to west 6 to gale 8 with gusts to 55kt by mid-morning, veering west 5 to 7 with gusts to 45kt in the evening.

Slight to moderate with a low swell in the south, otherwise rather rough to rough, increasing rough to very rough by midday.

Rain, drizzle and showers, occasionally heavy, perhaps with thunderstorms at first, local mist patches, clearing by dawn then squally showers developing, becoming prolonged later.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7 with gusts to 45kt, soon decreasing 5 to 6, veering northwest 4 to 6 by dawn, then decreasing 3 to 5 by midday.

Rough to very rough, soon decreasing rather rough to rough, then moderate to rather rough in the afternoon, locally slight at times.

Scattered showers, perhaps locally heavy.

Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor.

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