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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

#### General Situation

High pressure will continue to dominate through the rest of Friday and into the weekend, with mainly settled weather around the United Kingdom. However, a frontal system will push south into northern parts through Saturday night.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 3 or 4, then veering west 5 or 6 later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good, occasionally poor at first in Moray Firth.

Moderate, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west 4 or 5.

Showers at first.

Mainly good, occasionally poor in the firths.

Slight in south, moderate in north.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then west 3 or 4 later.

Showers at first.

Mainly good.

Moderate becoming slight.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast, backing northwest later, 3 or 4.

Showers at first.

Mainly good.

Moderate becoming slight.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing northerly 3 or 4.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Slight but moderate at first in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Showers for a time.

Moderate becoming good.

Mainly slight.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Mainly fair.

Moderate becoming good.

Slight or moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in far west, decreasing 4 later.

Fair.

Moderate becoming good.

Slight or moderate, but mainly rough in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, occasionally 7 at first in southwest, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Fair.

Good.

Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate becoming mainly good.

Smooth or slight.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate becoming mainly good.

Smooth or slight.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Fair.

Good.

Slight.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering south 3 later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate becoming good.

Mainly slight.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at first in North Channel, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate becoming good.

Mainly slight.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast veering south 3 or 4.

Fair.

Good.

Slight.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Mainly fair.  
Good.  
Slight or moderate.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 3 then increasing 4, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

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