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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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