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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 01 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February 2017

#### General Situation

The British Isles will lie in a mainly southerly airflow during the next 24 hours. However during Thursday a deep area of low pressure will move northwards close to the west of Ireland and this will bring gales to many british coastal areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in south.

Moderate or rough near caithness and Orkney, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east and near Orkney.

Mainly slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, but occasionally very rough near Orkney.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 except in Firth of Forth.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, then rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 except in Firth of Forth.

Rough or very rough in north, moderate or rough in south.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.  
Showers then fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly, backing southeasterly later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers then fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.  
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly, backing southeasterly later, 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later.  
Showers, then rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.  
Moderate becoming rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 6 to gale 8 veering southwest 5 to 7, then backing southeast 6 to gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, then rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South veering southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate at first in east, otherwise rough or very rough, but becoming high later in west.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest backing southeast, then veering west later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.  
Very rough or high, occasionally rough in east, but becoming very high for a time near the Isles of Scilly.  
Showers, then rain later.  
Moderate or poor, occasionally good in east.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in west.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest, becoming cyclonic later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in west, but decreasing 5 for a time.  
Moderate or rough in Bristol Channel, otherwise very rough or high.  
Showers, then rain later.  
Good at first in east, otherwise moderate or poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later except in shelter.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest backing southeast, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 for a time later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first near headlands, becoming moderate or rough later.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in south, perhaps gale 8 later in north.  
Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north, but becoming slight at times in south.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time at first.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in north.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeast 7 to severe gale 9 veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then backing

southeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in east, then becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time at first.

Slight or moderate in Firth of Clyde, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in North Channel, then backing southeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel, but slight at times in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time at first.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south, decreasing 4 at times in north.

Moderate or rough to south and west of skye, but slight or moderate in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south, veering southerly 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough, but occasionally very rough in south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south, decreasing 4 at times in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first to the west of the Outer Hebrides.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south, veering southerly 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate near Sutherland, otherwise rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 01 Feb 2017 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2017 at 0600 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

A strengthening south to southeasterly airflow will affect the Shetland waters during the next 24 hours.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 expected later, issued at 1544 on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

South or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Rough or very rough in northeast, otherwise mainly rough, but occasionally moderate close to northern coasts.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

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

Southeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough, but occasionally moderate close to northern coasts.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

#### Channel Islands - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 6, backing south to southeast around midnight and increasing 6 to 7, locally gale 8 in the north and west from around dawn, veering southwest by evening.  
Moderate to rather rough, increasing rather rough to rough on Thursday.  
Occasional rain, becoming persistent for a time in the morning, clearing by afternoon further rain or showers from late afternoon mist patches at times.  
Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to 7, decreasing 5 to 6 overnight and backing southerly, further backing southeast and increasing 7 to severe gale 9 by midday, veering southwest to west in the afternoon.  
Rather rough to rough, increasing very rough in the north and west Friday afternoon.  
Scattered showers rain spreading from the southwest Friday morning.  
Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

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