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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 01 January to 1200 UTC Thursday 02 January  
2020

#### General Situation

A moist southwesterly airflow covers the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later  
near Cape Wrath.

Smooth or slight, but moderate or rough in northwest.

Rain later in northwest.

Good, occasionally poor later in northwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Rain then showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers, wintry later in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly later 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8  
in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, perhaps 7 later towards Whitby.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair, misty at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly later 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in  
north.

Slight or moderate.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair, misty at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly later 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, but rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 2 or 3, veering southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly later 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair, but rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Occasional rain then mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Occasional drizzle and mist, with fog patches at first in severn estuary.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming moderate or good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.  
Occasional rain then mainly fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering north or northwest 4 to 6.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain then mainly fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Liverpool Bay.  
Rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in northwest.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough or very rough in northwest.  
Rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in shelter.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7, increasing 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first in north.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high for a time.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

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

Valid Wednesday 01 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low complex tracking east into Norwegian Sea keeping a gale to severe gale southwesterly flow across the area.

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

Southwesterly gale force 8, increasing severe gale force 9 later, issued at 2145 UTC on 31 December

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in northwest

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in northwest, but moderate in well-sheltered eastern waters  
Mainly fair  
Good occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan until 1200 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9  
Very rough or high, occasionally moderate or rough in well-sheltered eastern waters  
Mainly fair, rain later  
Good occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southeasterly, 1 to 3, becoming southwesterly 3 to 5 by dawn tomorrow, increasing 4 to 6 later, perhaps locally 7 mid-channel by noon.  
Slight, locally smooth today, becoming moderate to rather rough in the northwest tomorrow morning, with a low swell.  
Mist and local fog patches, mainly in the southeast, clearing by dawn tomorrow.  
Moderate to poor, locally very poor, becoming moderate to good overnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, locally 7 mid-channel until midnight, veering westerly by dawn Friday, then northwesterly later.  
Moderate to rather rough, occasionally rough mid-channel, occasionally slight near brittany coast, with a low swell increasing to a moderate swell on Friday morning.  
Rain, drizzle and some mist patches, all arriving in the northwest around dusk, spreading southeastwards overnight.  
Moderate to good, locally poor.

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