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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 03 March to 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 March 2020

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will move eastwards overnight. However, a new area of low pressure will move eastwards across England and Wales during Wednesday and Thursday, but will be weaker than previous systems, so gales are not expected.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming westerly 5 or 6, backing southwesterly later.

Smooth at times in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.

Showers, wintry in north.

Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in east, moderate or rough in north.

Showers, wintry in north.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 or a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or light south of Aberdeen.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate at first in north, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West backing southeast later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Occasional rain in south.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West backing southeast later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, backing east, then northeast later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate at first in northeast, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then northerly 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth for a time near shore.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, mainly southerly veering southwesterly, then northwesterly later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing southeast 5 or 6, then veering southwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth for a time near shore.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 or 6, then veering southwest later.

Moderate or rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers then rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Slight in far east, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming north or northwest 5 to 7.
Slight in far east, otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south 3 or 4, then east or southeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in south.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing north 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing east or southeast later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 3 or 4, backing east 4 or 5, then north 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight.

Showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in southeast.

Showers then fair, occasional rain later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southwest later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight in southeast, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough at first near Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming

smooth or slight, except in North Channel.
Showers then fair, occasional rain later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable becoming southwesterly later, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, but slight or moderate in North Channel, becoming rough at times near Mull of Kintyre.
Occasional rain then showers.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.
Showers.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in south.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in central areas.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.
Slight or moderate, but rough in far north and in far south.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in south.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.
Mainly rough.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 03 Mar 2020 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 04 Mar 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Trough of low pressure across Shetland Waters will move away northeast during Tuesday night. A weak ridge builds for a time on Wednesday morning.

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

Southeast 5 or 6 in east at first, otherwise variable becoming westerly 3 or 4,

occasionally 5 in west later
Moderate or rough
Rain or showers
Good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 04 Mar until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Mar:

Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west later
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in shelter just east of Shetland
Showers
Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, backing southerly by dawn, increasing 4 to 6 by mid-morning, veering southwesterly 3 to 5 by mid-afternoon.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, increasing rather rough in the north and west of the area by early afternoon.

Risk of isolated showers this evening occasional rain and drizzle spreading from the west by dawn, clearing early afternoon small risk of further isolated showers.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor during the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 3 to 5, veering northwest 4 to 6 by Thursday morning, increasing 5 to 7 for a time around noon.

Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight to moderate with a low swell by midnight, then increasing moderate to rough by noon.

Patchy rain by midnight, locally heavy through Thursday morning, clearing to isolated showers by the afternoon.

Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor.

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