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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1700 UTC to 1700 UTC.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or Gale 8 overnight and occasionally severe gale 9 around exposed headlands tomorrow, later decreasing 5.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 or 7 occasionally gale 8.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or Gale 8 overnight and occasionally severe gale 9 around exposed headlands tomorrow, later decreasing 5.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 or 7 occasionally Gale 8.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough at first.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 6 or 7, occasionally Gale 8.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

Whitby to the Wash.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 6 to Gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 overnight, decreasing 5 or 6 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

The Wash to North Foreland.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 6 to Gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 overnight, decreasing 5 or 6 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing southwest 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwesterly veering westerly 6 to Gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough decreasing moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: westerly, backing southerly for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: mainly moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwesterly veering westerly 6 to Gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: rain then showers .

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: westerly, backing southerly for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough becoming moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west 6 to Gale 8, gradually decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

St Davids Head to Colwyn Bay, including St Georges Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: showers .

Visibility: good .

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good .

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Colwyn Bay to the Mull of Galloway.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Isle of Man.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west 6 or 7, occasionally Gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: good .

Sea State: rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 or 7 occasionally gale 8, locally severe gale 9 to west of Fair Head overnight, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough, locally very rough to west of Fair Head.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 occasionally 7.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

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

North Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Weather: rain or showers .

Visibility: moderate or good .

Sea State: moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: west or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 6 to Gale 8 occasionally severe gale 9 overnight, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to Gale 8.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: good occasionally moderate or poor.

Sea State: rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: west or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 6 to Gale 8 occasionally severe gale 9 overnight, decreasing 4 or 5 on Thursday afternoon.

Weather: squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough occasionally high.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to Gale 8.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: good occasionally moderate or poor.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Shetland Isles.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, occasionally Gale 8 tomorrow.

Weather: occasional rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough becoming high tomorrow.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: northwest backing south or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally Gale 8.

Weather: rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: high decreasing rough.

Outlook for all UK Inshore Waters for following 3 days: Strong winds or gales in the north and west throughout, with gales likely in the south on Monday. Strong west or southwest winds in remaining areas over the following 3 days.

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