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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0500 UTC to 0500 UTC.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Weather: occasional rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate to very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Weather: squally showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Weather: occasional rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Weather: squally showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or northwest 6 to gale 8 backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then mainly fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Whitby to the Wash.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest, veering west later, 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: slight becoming moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 6 to gale 8 backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

The Wash to North Foreland.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west later 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: slight becoming moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west later 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: slight or moderate becoming rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest, veering west later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: slight or moderate becoming rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest, veering west later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Weather: showers then mainly fair.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

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

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Weather: occasional rain then showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough occasionally very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Weather: showers then mainly fair.  
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.  
Sea State: moderate or rough occasionally very rough.

Colwyn Bay to the Mull of Galloway.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Weather: occasional rain then squally showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.  
Weather: squally showers then mainly fair.  
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Isle of Man.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 or 7 increasing 7 or gale 8.  
Weather: periods of rain then isolated showers.  
Visibility: good but moderate or poor in rain.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west, backing southwest later, 7 or gale 8 decreasing 5 or 6.  
Weather: isolated showers then fair.  
Visibility: good.  
Sea State: very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Weather: rain then squally showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate to very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.  
Weather: squally showers then fair for a time, occasional rain later.  
Visibility: good occasionally moderate later.  
Sea State: moderate to very rough.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Weather: occasional rain then squally showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate to very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.  
Weather: squally showers then fair for a time, occasional rain later.  
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.  
Sea State: moderate to very rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: south or southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Weather: rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Sea State: rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Weather: squally showers then fair for a time, occasional rain later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

Sea State: very rough or high.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Weather: rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Sea State: rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7.

Weather: squally showers then fair for a time, occasional rain later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

Sea State: very rough or high.

Shetland Isles.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: south or southeast veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Weather: rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Weather: rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for all UK Inshore Waters for following 3 days: strong or gale mainly southwest winds throughout the period around coasts of Northern Ireland, Scotland and the far north of England. Occasional strong west or southwest winds around remaining coasts of England.

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