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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 01 February to 1200 UTC Thursday 02 February  
2023

#### General Situation

A deep low near south utshire will bring gales at first to some northeastern areas. Winds will decrease through the day as this low moves away eastwards. High pressure will build to the south of the United Kingdom.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southeasterly later.

In north, very rough or high becoming rough, elsewhere moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near Rattray Head.

Squally wintry showers then occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 4 to 6, veering southwesterly 5 to 7, then veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in north.

In north, rough or very rough, elsewhere slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain and drizzle then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.

Rough or very rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise slight or moderate.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, veering west 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers for a time.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, decreasing 4 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in the wash and Thames estuary.  
Fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times offshore.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time near the Isles of Scilly.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 3 to 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.

Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly, 4 to 6.  
Moderate.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Moderate.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West, backing southwest, 4 to 6.  
Moderate.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Rain or showers then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West, backing southwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.  
Moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 5 or 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly, backing southwesterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north,  
decreasing 4 at times later.

In far north, very rough becoming moderate or rough, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:  
Westerly, backing southwesterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near Mull of  
Kintyre, decreasing 4 at times later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in the North Channel.  
Rain at times then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 near Mull of Kintyre.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near the Mull of Kintyre.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5  
later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then becoming southwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale  
8 later.  
Slight or moderate in central areas, otherwise rough occasionally very rough at  
first.  
Showers then rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath,  
backing southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight near skye.  
Rain and drizzle, showers for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then becoming southwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale  
8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.  
Showers then rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.

Rain and drizzle, showers for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Ridge of high pressure building from the west for a time. Atlantic front approaching during Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly violent storm force 11 veering Northwesterly and decreasing severe gale force 9 soon, then decreasing gale force 8 later (issued 31/2156 UTC)

Northerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in south

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first, but moderate in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Good occasionally moderate, perhaps poor at first

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

North or northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then south or southeast 4 to 6 later

Moderate or rough, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Shower later in southwest

Good occasionally moderate later in southwest

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in the north of the area until evening, backing southwest later.

Slight to moderate, occasionally rather rough in the north and west of the area until later.

Risk of light showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 3 to 5, perhaps locally 6 mid-channel for a time in the evening.

Slight to moderate, with a low swell in west.

Risk of light showers.

Mainly good.

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