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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 03 February to 0000 UTC Saturday 04 February
2017

General Situation

Deep areas of low pressure will continue to affect the United Kingdom during the next few days, bringing strong winds and rain at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south, 7 to severe gale 9, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering south or southwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in east.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight for a time.

Occasional rain, becoming fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest, 5 to 7, then backing south 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest, 6 to gale 8, backing south 3 or 4, then backing north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, backing southeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough, occasionally very rough at first, then becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, backing southeasterly, 5 to 7, then veering westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8 later, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, backing easterly 5 or 6, then backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Occasional rain, fair for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, backing southeast, then veering west or southwest later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time later.

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

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing east or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic, then becoming west later, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Very high at first in far west, otherwise very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough later.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, except in far west.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, backing south 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic, becoming west later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in west, becoming rough or very rough later.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable for a time later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest gale 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing southeast 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic later 5 to 7.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming west or southwest, 5 to 7, then backing south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and west.

Showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then becoming cyclonic later, occasionally 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming mainly moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming southwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, then backing south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Mainly moderate.

Occasional rain, showers later, becoming fair for a time.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later, occasionally rough later in north.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing southeasterly 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming southwesterly, 5 to 7, then backing southerly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in west, becoming slight or moderate later in southeast.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then backing south or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9, then backing southeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough north of skye, rough or very rough to south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming southerly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south, becoming slight for a time in central areas.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 7 to severe gale 9, then backing southeast 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming southerly 5 or 6 later.

Rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2017 at 0000 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2017 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very strong southeasterly flow will persist.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 soon, then veering southerly later (issued 02/1554 UTC).

Southeast veering south later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale force 9
Rough or very rough.

Showers

Good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northeast.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 5 to 7, backing south to southeast by dawn, increasing 7 to gale 8 in the morning, veering west to northwest around mid-afternoon and increasing gale 8 to severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt for a time, backing southerly 5 to 6 during the evening.

Rather rough to rough in the south, rough to very rough, perhaps high at first, in the north, becoming mainly rough to very rough in the afternoon, decreasing mainly moderate by midnight.

Scattered showers, with the risk of thunder, soon dying out, then occasional rain from morning, perhaps heavy at times, mainly clearing by evening.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in showers and rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 to 6, backing easterly around dawn, northerly late morning, perhaps locally 7 by midday, backing southwesterly 4 to 5 by evening.

Slight to moderate, increasing moderate to rather rough, locally rough, from mid-morning, decreasing slight through the evening.

Rain soon moving in from the southwest, locally heavy, clearing by early afternoon showers developing by evening.

Good, but moderate to poor in showers and rain.

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