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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 03 January to 0000 UTC Saturday 04 January 2020

General Situation

Cold fronts will clear southeastwards during early Friday, with a further frontal system returning to the northwest on Saturday. Meanwhile, pressure will build to the south of the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north. Very rough or high north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, except in Moray Firth. Showers, wintry in north. Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 later. High, becoming rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, becoming slight in Moray Firth. Showers, wintry in north, then occasional rain. Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, mainly in north. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north. Rain at first in south, showers later. Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time in north. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north. Occasional rain. Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times. Moderate, occasionally slight. Occasional rain then fair. Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 later. Mainly moderate. Mainly fair. Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 4 to 6. Slight or moderate. Occasional rain at first. Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in Thames estuary.

Occasional rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Thames estuary.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, then backing westerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough until later in far west, then occasionally slight later in shelter.

Rain or drizzle, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, 4 or 5.

Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing west 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough until later west of lundy island.

Rain or drizzle, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Rough at first in far west, otherwise moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, then backing west 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 to 6.

Moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly at first in south, otherwise northwesterly, backing westerly later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.

Occasional rain or drizzle, then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 5 to 7.

Mainly moderate.

Showers, then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Mainly moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west later, 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough in northwest, otherwise moderate, occasionally slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6.

Rough or very rough until later in northwest, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly later, 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough, but occasionally slight in Firth of Clyde.
Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near the Mull of Kintyre.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west, 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high for a time offshore in north.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, becoming mainly moderate in shelter.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, but mainly moderate in central areas.

Showers, wintry in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high.

Showers, wintry in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

High, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC until Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea feeds a strong cold westerly airstream across Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 decreasing severe gale force 9 imminent, veering westerly later issued at

03:46 UTC on Thu 2 Jan 2020

West 7 to severe gale 9.

High in north and west, very rough in southeast, but rough just east of Shetland.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

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

West 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

High in north and west, very rough in southeast, but moderate to rough just east of Shetland.

Squally wintry showers

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 6, occasionally 7 mid-channel, veering west to northwest around dawn, then veering northwest to north before noon, decreasing 4 to 5 during afternoon and 3 to 4 during evening.

Rather rough to rough, locally very rough in west around dawn, decreasing to moderate by afternoon with a moderate swell.

Occasional rain clearing during the early afternoon.

Mostly moderate, locally poor till mid-morning then improving good by early afternoon.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 3 to 4, backing northwest overnight, perhaps locally 5 mid-channel, backing west to northwest 4 to 5 by midday and decreasing 2 to 4 by midnight.

Slight to moderate, with a moderate swell quickly decreasing to a low swell.

Fair spells.

Good.

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