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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 04 February to 0000 UTC Sunday 05 February 2023

General Situation

A band of rain sinks southeastwards across the British Isles on Saturday before high pressure moves east over the Irish Sea on Sunday. Strong winds likely affecting all coastlines at some point over the weekend, apart from the far south and far southwest. Gales expected to the far northwest.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north, veering westerly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Showers becoming fair, occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 to 5, veering westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.

Rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, backing southwesterly 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4, backing south or southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 2 to 4, then south or southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time.
Occasional rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 2 to 4 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain then showers, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 3 or 4, veering northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 2 to 4, veering north 5 or 6, then northeast 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Occasional rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, backing southerly for a time west of the Lizard, veering northwesterly 2 or 3 later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate in west, occasionally rough later near Isles of Scilly.
Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 2 or 3, veering easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, then easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in lyme bay, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Isles of Scilly.

Showers at first.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, occasionally 5 in west, veering northerly 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far southwest.

Occasional rain.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 to 5, veering easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far southwest.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering north or northwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, veering south or southeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5, veering southeast 3 or 4, then south or southwest later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northwest later, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain for a time, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, veering north, 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5, then southwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northwest later, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in north.
Showers, rain for a time, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then south or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and smooth in south.
Fair.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, rain for a time, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth for a time in Firth of Clyde.
Fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, veering west 5 to 7, then northwest 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in far southeast.
Showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in far southeast.
Showers at first.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, then veering west or northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near northern and southern entrances.
Showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 6, backing south or southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near northern and southern entrances.
Showers at first.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, then veering west or northwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 6, backing south or southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An Icelandic low moves east, pushing troughs south over Shetland Waters on Saturday, ridge of high rebuilds later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Southwesterly gale force 8 expected later. Issued 0949UTC on Fri 3 February 2023.

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later in the west.

Rough, becoming very rough later in the west, but moderate in waters east of Shetland

Rain or drizzle at first, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northwest later.

Very rough, but rough or moderate in waters east of Shetland.

Rain then showers

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 2 to 4, locally variable 1 at times.

Smooth, locally slight at times, with a low swell.

Isolated showers, mainly light some drizzle and mist patches at times, mainly in the far south and the far east.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor at times.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 2 to 4, veering north to northeast 4 to 5 overnight, perhaps locally 6 around dawn, further veering northeast to east 3 to 4 later.

Locally smooth before dawn and after dusk, otherwise slight with a low swell.

Occasional drizzle and mist patches, mainly in the south, clearing by late morning.

Moderate, locally poor, becoming good by late morning.

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