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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 04 December to 1800 UTC Friday 05 December
2014

General Situation

A cold front, lying across far northwestern areas of the United Kingdom, will move southeastwards across the United Kingdom, clearing all areas Friday afternoon. Atlantic fronts will return to the northwest early on Saturday morning.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6, backing south 6 to gale 8, then veering west later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair then rain, showers later in north.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers for a time.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers later.

Good, but moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight, but smooth for a time in south, occasionally moderate later.

Drizzle then fair, showers later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers in north.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional drizzle, fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, backing westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Drizzle for a time in east.

Moderate, occasionally poor at first in east, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing west 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, backing northerly 5 or 6, then backing northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far west.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing westerly later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far west.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, backing north 5 or 6, then backing northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later near cornish coasts.

Fair then occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west later.
Slight or moderate, but rough at first near Cornish coasts.
Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time near St Davids Head.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Occasional rain at first, showers later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain at first then squally showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing southwest later, 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, becoming moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southeast, veering west or northwest, 3 or less, increasing 5 to 7.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west or southwest 5 to 7 later.
Moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far north.
Showers squally later, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4, then backing west or southwest 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far north.
Showers, squally at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough, but very rough later near the Mull of

Kintyre.
Showers squally later, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4, then backing west or southwest 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough, but very rough at first near the Mull of Kintyre.
Showers, squally at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 6 or 7, then decreasing 5 later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, squally for a time, rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Rough, occasionally very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering northwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far south and in far north.
Squally showers, rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far south and in far north.
Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in south, then decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough.
Squally showers, rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest, backing southwest 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 04 Dec 2014 at 1800 UTC until Friday 05 Dec 2014 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A fresh to strong southwesterly flow veers westerly later Thursday evening as a weather front passes across Shetland from the west. A ridge of high pressure builds over the area later Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in west.
Rain, then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 05 Dec until 1800 UTC on Friday 05 Dec:

West 5 or 6, veering northwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, but very rough later in west.
Rain, then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable or southeasterly 2 to 3, locally 4 at first, becoming northerly 4 to 5 mid channel by midnight spreading southeast to reach jersey by dawn, locally 6, increasing 5 to 6 by the afternoon.
Slight, becoming moderate, locally rather rough later.
Occasional rain and drizzle with mist patches, clearing to fair periods during the afternoon.
Moderate to poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 by Saturday morning, decreasing 3 to 4 for a time in the afternoon and backing west, increasing 4 to 5 by evening.
Moderate to rather rough becoming slight to moderate later, with a low swell.
Isolated showers dying out by Saturday morning.
Mainly good.

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