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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 02 August to 1200 UTC Thursday 03 August 2023

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure will continue to move eastwards across southern parts of the British Isles bringing some unseasonably wet and windy weather. An unstable northerly flow will then follow on Thursday before a ridge of high pressure then moves in from the west.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 2 to 4, backing northwesterly 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, backing westerly 2 to 4 later in far west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first in south, otherwise showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in north, becoming variable 2 to 4 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 or 6, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming north 5 to 7, then backing northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, backing northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 in south.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Thames estuary.

Showers.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly or northwesterly 6 or 7, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Showers.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 or 6, then veering northwest 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later near shore.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

In lyme bay, moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate later, elsewhere rough or very rough, occasionally high at first near the Isles of Scilly, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain or showers, occasionally thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 until later west of land's end.

Slight or moderate, but moderate or rough until later west of the Lizard peninsula.
Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate in inner Bristol Channel, otherwise rough or very rough,
becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, occasionally thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in southwest.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming north or northwest 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far south, becoming slight
or moderate later.

Rain or showers, thundery at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast, backing northwest later, 4 to 6, decreasing 3 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less later in Solway Firth.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast, backing northwest later, 4 to 6.

Moderate, becoming slight for a time.

Rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

- (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing north or northwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing north or northwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in central belt.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing north or northwest, 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 2 to 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 03 Aug 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A northerly flow covers Shetland Waters

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Nil

Northerly 2 to 4, occasionally 5 later in west
Slight in southeast, moderate in northwest
Showers
Good, occasionally moderate or poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 Aug until 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Aug:
North or northwest 4 or 5
Slight or moderate
Showers
Good, occasionally moderate or poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 with gusts to 55kt, veering west 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 this afternoon, then northwest 3 to 5 around dawn.
Rough to very rough, locally rather rough in shelter becoming moderate to rather rough with a low to moderate swell overnight.
Frequent squally showers or periods of rain, locally heavy.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 to 5, occasionally 3 at first.
Moderate to rather rough with a low to moderate swell, then slight to moderate with a low swell overnight.
Scattered showers, perhaps locally heavy, becoming isolated.
Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor at first.

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