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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 03 May to 0000 UTC Friday 04 May 2018

General Situation

A westerly flow will be in place over most areas tonight. High pressure starts to build in the south during Thursday, with wind and showers easing. A weak occlusion will move into western areas during Thursday, bringing some rain, drizzle and fog patches.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest, becoming smooth later in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, but increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in far northwest.

Smooth at times in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Occasional rain or drizzle mainly in northwest.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor mainly in northwest.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in south.

Showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then decreasing 3 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Showers at first in north.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 3 or 4, then becoming variable at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, becoming variable at times, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, becoming variable mainly southerly, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 for a time.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southerly, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, increasing 4 at times.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southwest, 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 at first.
Smooth or slight.
Fog patches later in west.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later in west.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly, but becoming variable at times, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west.
Smooth at times in east, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches later in west.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly, but occasionally variable in east, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.
Occasional rain or drizzle and fog patches later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming mainly variable 2 or 3.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 for a time in north,
then decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, becoming variable at times, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, then occasional rain with fog patches later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Occasional rain, fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then
occasionally 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional drizzle and fog patches.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north, but becoming rough at times near Mull of Kintyre.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later in south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest, but becoming variable 3 or 4 at times in southeast.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing gale 8 for a time in far north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing gale 8 for a time in far north.

Rough, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 03 May 2018 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 03 May 2018 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A showery west to southwesterly airstream covers the area, while Atlantic fronts will arrive on Thursday afternoon.

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

West backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 May until 0000 UTC on Friday 04 May:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in sheltered waters east of Shetland.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 4, decreasing 2 to 3 soon after dawn, locally 4, backing west in the north of the area by early afternoon then generally southwesterly in the evening, locally variable jersey southward.

Slight, locally moderate at first.

Fair or cloudy.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest or variable 2 to 3, becoming north to northeast by evening.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Risk of a little drizzle and mist, especially in the west, clearing during the morning.

Good, occasionally moderate perhaps poor.

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