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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 02 January to 1200 UTC Friday 03 January 2020

General Situation

A cold front will move southeastwards over the next 24 hours, with a further frontal system returning to the northwest on Saturday. Meanwhile, pressure will build to the southwest of the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Rough or very rough, becoming high later north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, except in Moray Firth.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Very rough or high north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight later in Moray Firth.

Showers, occasionally wintry in north, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, mainly in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 until later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally slight.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly, then veering northwesterly later, 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, backing westerly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first, then occasionally rough later.

Occasional drizzle, rain for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Mainly moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional drizzle, rain for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west.

Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 4 or 5.

Very rough at first in far west, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight later in shelter east of the Lizard.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later.

Slight at first in Bristol Channel, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough west of lundy island.

Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 4 or 5.
Very rough at first in far west, otherwise moderate or rough.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time later in far south.
Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 4 to 6.
Rough at first in south, otherwise moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight until later in Liverpool Bay.
Rain or drizzle, then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 to 7, then backing west 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming mainly moderate later.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6.
Mainly moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later, backing west later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later west of Rathlin Island.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.
Very rough until later west of Rathlin Island, otherwise moderate or rough.
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:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later, backing westerly later.

Moderate, occasionally rough, but becoming mainly slight in Firth of Clyde. Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Mainly slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough. Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later, then backing west later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in shelter, but occasionally high later in north.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate in central areas.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

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

Showers or rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, 6 to gale 8.

Very rough, becoming high later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

High, becoming very rough later.

Showers or rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC until Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low complex in the Norwegian Sea pushing fronts eastwards through your area, which clears later Thursday as the flow veer to a cold showery westerly.

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

Southwesterly veering westerly later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in northwest

Very rough, occasionally high in northwest, but rough just east of Shetland

Occasional rain, showers later

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

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

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later

Very rough, occasionally high in northwest, but rough just east of Shetland

Showers, wintry later

Good, occasionally moderate or poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 mid-channel from midday, veering southwest to west by dawn, veering northwest to north 5 to 7 later.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, increasing gradually through the day to become rather rough to rough this evening, occasionally very rough in the west overnight.

Occasional rain or showers overnight, clearing all but the southeast of the area by midday.

Good, occasionally moderate overnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 to 5 during afternoon, then 3 to 4 overnight, backing northwest to west 3 to 5 later.

Rather rough to rough, decreasing slight to moderate during the evening with a moderate swell.

Occasional rain or showers in the southeast at first, soon clearing then fair or fine.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in the southeast.

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