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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Monday 05 February to 0000 UTC Tuesday 06 February 2018

General Situation

On Monday, high pressure will give a slack pressure pattern across much of the British Isles, although a strong southwesterly flow will affect northern and western Scotland, and a brisk northeasterly flow will affect the English Channel. During Tuesday, the Azores high will extend a ridge towards the British Isles to give a fairly brisk northwesterly flow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near Cape Wrath.
Slight or moderate, but rough in far northwest.
Rain or sleet later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far northwest.
Rain or sleet at first, then snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 2 or 3, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Rattray Head.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or sleet at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming southwest 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, becoming slight.
Wintry showers at first.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 or 6.
Slight, occasionally moderate later.
Fair at first, then sleet or snow for a time, snow showers later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 or 3.
Moderate, becoming slight.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming west 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Wintry showers at first, then occasional sleet or snow.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight, occasionally smooth later.

Wintry showers at first, occasional rain or sleet later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in Strait of Dover.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times offshore.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers offshore.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Occasional sleet later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Rough at first in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough west of Lizard Point.

Fair at first, then occasional rain or sleet.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers at first in west.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west, then backing northwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.
Fair at first, then occasional rain or sleet.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north 5 to 7, then backing northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East veering southeast 3 or 4, then veering south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or sleet later in northwest.

Good, becoming moderate later in northwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near great orme head and Mull of Galloway.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East veering southeast 3 or 4, then veering southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 to 7.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 4 or 5, then veering west 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in far north.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 5 to 7.

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

Rain or sleet at first, then snow showers.

Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 4 or 5, then veering westerly 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate near Mull of Kintyre.

Rain or sleet later.
Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly veering northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in North Channel.
Slight or moderate, but moderate or rough in North Channel.
Rain or sleet at first, then snow showers.
Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 3 or 4, veering south 5 or 6, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Rain or sleet later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west.
Rain or sleet at first, then snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Rain or sleet later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later.
Rain or sleet later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7.
Very rough, occasionally high in west.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Monday 05 Feb 2018 at 0000 UTC until Monday 05 Feb 2018 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strengthening southwesterly airstream covers Shetland waters, with a band of rain arriving later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8 expected later (issued 04/0939)

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7
Rough, but slight or moderate in well sheltered eastern waters
Mainly fair
Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Monday 05 Feb until 0000 UTC on Tuesday 06 Feb:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, locally gale 8 in northwest. veering westerly 4 or 5 later in far west

Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters

Fair, but rain later

Good, but moderate later

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 6, occasionally 7, locally east to northeast 3 to 5 guernsey southeastwards before dawn, becoming generally east to northeast 4 to 6 by early afternoon.

Slight to moderate in the south and east, and rather rough in the north and west of the area, locally rough in the northeast at first.

Scattered showers, wintry at times.

Good, locally moderate to poor, perhaps very poor, in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 6, locally 4 guernsey southeastwards at first, backing north in the morning, increasing 6, perhaps occasionally 7, in the evening.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, increasing rather rough to rough from mid-afternoon.

Isolated wintry showers, becoming more frequent in the evening.

Good, locally moderate to poor or very poor in showers.

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