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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 April to 0600 UTC Friday 03 April 2020

General Situation

A deep low moving southeastwards between Shetland and Norway on Thursday will bring gales to northern waters for a time, with storm force winds around Shetland. This low will move away for Friday allowing winds to ease. A ridge of high pressure over the south will maintain fairly quiet conditions throughout.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in northwest.
Squally wintry showers, occasionally thundery.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Snow showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later in far north, then backing westerly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far north.
Squally wintry showers, occasionally thundery in north.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, backing southwesterly later, 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time in north.
Rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering west or northwest, 4 to 6.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough.
Showers, occasionally wintry later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing southwest later, 3 to 5.
Moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest, 4 to 6.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in north.
Fair then showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable, mainly west, 3 or 4, then becoming southwest later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate in north.

Fair then showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable, then southwesterly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate in north, smooth or slight in south.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, backing westerly or southwesterly, then veering northwesterly later, 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fair then showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing west 4 or 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest becoming variable, then south later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, backing west or northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near the Isles of Scilly.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near the Isles of Scilly.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing southwest, 3 or 4, then backing southeast 4 or 5 later.
Slight, occasionally smooth.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, veering northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing southwest, then south later, 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing south or southwest, 3 to 5.
Slight, occasionally smooth.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering northwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest, backing southwest, 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly veering northwesterly, 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time in North Channel.
Slight or moderate, but rough, occasionally very rough for a time, in far north.
Occasional rain then showers, perhaps wintry later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later.
Rough at first in far north, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in east.
Showers, wintry at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time in North Channel. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Mull of Kintyre. Occasional rain then showers, perhaps wintry later. Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 3 to 5. Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in the Firth of Clyde. Showers, wintry at first. Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time in west. Wintry showers. Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later. Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate. Wintry showers then occasional rain. Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic later. Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate except in far northeast. Squally wintry showers, perhaps thundery in north. Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 to 5, becoming south or southwest 5 or 6 later. Moderate or rough in far northeast, otherwise slight or moderate. Wintry showers, rain later. Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic later. Very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough. Squally wintry showers, perhaps thundery in north. Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 to 5, becoming south or southwest 5 or 6 later. Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough. Wintry showers, rain later. Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Apr 2020 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 Apr 2020 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low in the Norwegian Sea moves east into Scandinavia with a very strong, unstable and cold northwesterly airstream becoming established over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Severe gale force 9 veering northwesterly and increasing storm force 10 soon (issues 01/2205z)

Northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 10 for a time in north High, but rough or very rough in sheltered eastern waters
Wintry showers, thundery at times
Good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Apr until 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Apr:

Northwest 7 or gale 9, occasionally 6 later
High at first, otherwise rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters
Wintry showers
Good occasionally poor.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 2 to 4, locally variable 1 to 3 south of jersey early morning, then generally northwest by midday, increasing 4 to 5 by late afternoon, decreasing 3 to 4 by dawn.

Slight, perhaps occasionally moderate in the north overnight.

Risk of light showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3 during the afternoon, then southeast by midnight, increasing 2 to 4 by morning.

Slight, perhaps moderate in the north at first, becoming smooth or slight in the afternoon.

Occasional light showers or rain, clearing early afternoon.

Good, perhaps occasionally moderate.

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