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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 01 January to 0600 UTC Saturday 02 January 2021

#### General Situation

An unstable northerly or northeasterly flow will continue to affect the British Isles throughout the next couple of days.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate in inner Moray Firth, otherwise rough becoming moderate.

Showers, perhaps wintry for a time in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate.

Showers, occasionally wintry at first in far north.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, then decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north and east.

Showers mainly north of Aberdeen.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, then veering northeast 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, then decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, then veering northeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate, occasionally slight in south.  
Showers.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Thames estuary.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.  
Mainly fair, then showers.  
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly, then northeasterly later, 4 or 5.  
Smooth in Thames estuary, otherwise slight, occasionally moderate.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in west.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far east.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times near northern coasts, occasionally 6 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, occasionally 6 later in far west.  
Moderate south and west of the Lizard peninsula, otherwise smooth or slight.  
Showers, mainly in west.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in far west and later in south.  
Moderate south and west of the Lizard peninsula, otherwise smooth or slight.  
Showers.  
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, decreasing 2 or 3 at times in east.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far west, decreasing 2 or 3 at times in far east.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less at first in Cardigan Bay, otherwise northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth east of the llyn peninsula.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north and west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth east of the llyn peninsula.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Rain or showers at first in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, veering northeast later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest, veering northeast later, 4 or 5.

Slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest, veering northeast later, 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel  
- (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel.  
Smooth or slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers in North Channel.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly, veering northeasterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in the North  
Channel, decreasing 2 or 3 for a time in Firth of Clyde.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North 5 or 6, then decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in west.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North veering northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate in west, smooth or slight in east.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north, occasionally smooth later  
in south.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight near Ardnamurchan Point.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight near Ardnamurchan Point, otherwise moderate.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Friday 01 Jan 2021 at 0600 UTC until Friday 01 Jan 2021 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An unstable northerly flow over Shetland Waters throughout.

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

North 6

Rough but moderate in sheltered waters south of Shetland

Showers

Good occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 01 Jan until 0600 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan:

North 5 or 6

Moderate or rough

Showers

Good occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 2 to 4, occasionally variable 1 to 2 in the southeast of the area, increasing 4 to 5 in the north and west of the area overnight, perhaps locally 6 mid-channel later.

Slight, locally smooth, with a low swell.

Isolated showers with hail and sleet, mainly in the north and west, becoming more frequent overnight mist or fog patches near the french coast at first and again later.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor, perhaps locally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 1 to 3 in the southeast of the area at first, otherwise northeasterly 4 to 5, perhaps locally 6 mid-channel, backing northerly by midday.

Smooth or slight in the south and east, slight to moderate in the north and west.

Scattered showers, locally heavy with hail or sleet, becoming more isolated by midday risk of mist or fog patches near the french coast at first.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor, perhaps locally very poor at first.

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