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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 02 January to 1800 UTC Saturday 03 January 2015

General Situation

The unsettled weather will continue for the next few days although an area of high pressure will bring quieter conditions to many southern areas by Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough or high north and west of Orkney.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, but rough or very rough north and west of Orkney.

Showers then fair.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough in north at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 4, then northwest 5 or 6 later.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 becoming variable 4, then northwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5 backing southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northerly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 or 6, becoming variable then southerly 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4 backing southwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 or 6 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, becoming variable then south 3 or 4.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 5 to 7, veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter east of the Lizard at first, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west.

Fair then rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable then south or southeast, 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming cyclonic or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, then north 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, backing south or southeast later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Fair the occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing easterly 4 or 5 then northerly 5 to 7, but becoming cyclonic or southwesterly 6 to gale 8 in far south for a time later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7 becoming variable 4, then south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough in far south at first.

Fair the occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 4, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering north or northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Fair then occasional rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing south 3 or 4, decreasing 2 or 3 for a time, increasing 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering northwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far northwest.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8 veering northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers, fair later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate in shelter otherwise rough or very rough, but high in west at first.
Rain or showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far north and far south.
Showers, squally at first.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 5 to 7.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.
High or very high, becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, squally at first.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good.

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

Valid Friday 02 Jan 2015 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low near Faroe tracks rapidly southeast, passing north of Shetland Friday evening. This brings very unsettled conditions, stormy for a time.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly storm force 10 increasing violent storm force 11

Westerly gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, but 5 or 6 in north.
Very rough or high but moderate or rough close to shelter of east Shetland, and very high for a time in west.
Squally showers, thundery at times, perhaps wintry.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 03 Jan until 1800 UTC on Saturday 03 Jan:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, but gale 8 or severe gale 9 at first in south.
High at first in southwest otherwise rough or very rough but moderate close to east of Shetland.
Squally wintry showers, possibly thundery.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor or very poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, very soon becoming southerly, increasing 6 to 7 before dawn then veering southwest, further veering west mid-morning, locally gale 8 in the north, decreasing 5 to 6 late afternoon.
Slight becoming moderate to rather rough by dawn and rough to very rough during the morning.
Occasional rain or drizzle from around midnight.
Good becoming moderate to poor after midnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 6, very soon veering northeast mainly 4, then southeast by morning and decreasing 2 to 3.
Rough, soon becoming moderate to rather rough, then slight with swell by morning.
Occasional light rain or drizzle, clearing overnight.
Moderate to good, locally poor in rain or drizzle.

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