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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 03 January to 1200 UTC Saturday 04 January 2020

General Situation

The British Isles will lie in a mainly west to northwesterly airflow during the next 24 hours, with gales affecting northern areas at first.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, veering northwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 later.

Very rough or high to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Squally showers, wintry in north, then rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 becoming southerly 4 to 6, then veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.

Rough or very rough to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in far north, becoming cyclonic 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Fair then rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 to 5 becoming southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Rain at times then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6, occasionally 7 for a time later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing west 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7 backing westerly 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.
Rain at times then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 for a time close inshore.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then decreasing 3 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing west 3 to 5.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 3 to 5.
Very rough at first near the Isles of Scilly, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but becoming slight in lyme bay.
Showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate throughout in west.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing west 3 to 5.
Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 near pembrokeshire.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first in east.

Drizzle at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west, 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in north.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in north.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing west 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate at first in north, otherwise moderate occasionally rough.

Showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 to 6.

Moderate occasionally rough, becoming slight or moderate in Liverpool Bay.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east and north.

Moderate.

Drizzle at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, then backing southwesterly later.

Rough or very rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate or rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, then backing

southwesterly 4 to 6 later.
Moderate or rough near the Mull of Kintyre, but elsewhere slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate later.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later near Tiree.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 3 to 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north, but becoming slight or moderate later in central areas.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic 4 or 5 becoming southwest 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate at first in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 3 to 5 later.
Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic 4 or 5 becoming southwest 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure over the Norwegian Sea will gradually move away with the strong cold northwesterly airstream gradually easing.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly severe gale force 9 continuing, issued at 03:45 UTC on Friday 3 Jan 2020

West 7 to severe gale 9.

High, occasionally very rough in southeast, but rough just east of Shetland.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan:

Northwesterly 7 or gale 8 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later in west.

High becoming very rough in north and west, but very rough becoming rough in southeast and moderate close to east Shetland.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, locally 7 in the north of the area, decreasing 4 or 5 by dusk, then 3 or 4 this evening, backing westerly or northwesterly overnight, locally 5 in north by dawn.

Rather rough to rough, decreasing moderate during late afternoon with a moderate swell, then decreasing slight with a low swell overnight.

Risk of rain and drizzle in the far east of the area at first, otherwise fair.

Good, perhaps moderate at first in the east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 mid-channel until dusk, backing west in the evening, then west or southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight with a low swell.

Risk of isolated showers.

Good.

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