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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 03 May to 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 May 2016

General Situation

High pressure, currently centred over northern France, will gradually move eastwards overnight maintaining the calm conditions over much of the southeast for the next 48 hours at least. Elsewhere, low pressure in the mid Atlantic will push weather fronts across northwestern areas, bringing strong winds and rain at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southerly, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times later in northwest, perhaps gale 8 later in northwest.

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

Showers then occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in northwest.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough becoming very rough at times later in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times near Rattray Head.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south, 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southeast later, 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southeasterly, veering easterly later in south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in north.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable becoming southeasterly 3 or 4, veering easterly 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable then southeast later , 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast 3 or 4, veering east 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.
Fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Southwest becoming variable, mainly southeast later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable becoming east later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Fair.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly backing southerly, becoming variable at times in the Bristol Channel, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in north.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough at times later in southwest.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 or 6 backing south 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough at times later.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in northwest.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 or 6, backing south 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at times.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough at times in south and in far north.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 or 6, backing south 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 03 May 2016 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 04 May 2016 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure near Iceland will fill as another low tracks northwards towards Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8 in operation at time of issue.

Southwest backing south 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 04 May until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 May:

South 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 1 to 3, locally 4 in the north at first, becoming variable by midnight, then southeast 3 to 4 by dawn, locally variable 1 to 3 near the french coast, veering east to northeast later.

Mainly slight.

Fair or fine risk of early morning mist patches near the french coast.

Good, perhaps locally moderate to poor early morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 2 to 4, veering southeast for a time overnight.

Slight with a low swell.

Fair or fine risk of early morning mist patches near the french coast.

Good, perhaps locally moderate to poor early morning.

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