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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Tuesday 05 January to 0000 UTC Wednesday 06 January 2021

General Situation

An area of high pressure just to the north of Scotland and low pressure in southern Europe will bring an easterly or northeasterly flow to much of the British Isles. Winds will be strong in many places with occasional gales expected in some southern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming westerly or southwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later to the north and west of Orkney.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 until later.

Moderate, occasionally slight in Firth of Forth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, backing north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight later in far north.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 until later.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 4 to 6.
Moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 until later.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly backing northerly later, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 until later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 4 to 6, backing northerly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore.
Occasional rain or showers, mainly in east.
Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers, mainly in east.
Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 to 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in lyme bay.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south and west.
Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Smooth at times in east, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time in far southwest.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in east.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Cardigan Bay.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north and east.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near Mull of Galloway.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, but mainly smooth in shelter.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly northeast, 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming south or southwest 4 to 6, veering north later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north later.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly northeast, 2 to 4.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming south or southwest 4 to 6, veering north later.

Moderate, occasionally slight, becoming rough later in north.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 05 Jan 2021 at 0000 UTC until Tuesday 05 Jan 2021 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An area of high pressure will cover Shetland and surrounding waters.

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

Variable 2 to 4

Moderate, but slight east of Shetland.

Mainly fair

Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Tuesday 05 Jan until 0000 UTC on Wednesday 06 Jan:

Variable 2 to 4

Moderate, but slight east of Shetland.

Mainly fair

Good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5 in the southeast of the area, and 5 to 7 in the northwest of the area, occasionally gale 8 mid-channel before dawn.

Slight to moderate in the southeast of the area, rather rough to rough in the northwest.

Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet at times risk of mist patches near french coasts until mid-morning.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or variable 2 to 4 on the southeast of the area, northeasterly 4 to 6 in the northwest of the area, occasionally 7 mid-channel until late morning.

Smooth to slight in the southeast of the area, moderate to rather rough in the northwest, becoming generally smooth or slight by midday, occasionally moderate mid-channel.

Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet at times risk of mist patches near french coasts until mid-morning.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor.

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