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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Monday 03 February to 1800 UTC Tuesday 04 February 2020

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure to the northwest of Scotland will maintain the strong, predominantly westerly airflow across the British Isles overnight. High pressure will then build over the country through Tuesday to bring a spell of much quieter weather that will last into Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, veering northwesterly 5 to 7, then backing westerly 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high until later in north, becoming slight or moderate later in south.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 to 6.

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

Showers, mainly in north.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore.

Wintry showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southwest, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time, then veering north 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6, backing west or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, veering north 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6, backing west or southwest 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, veering northwesterly later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, veering northerly 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Mainly slight northeast of torbay, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far southwest.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 3 or 4, then veering east 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far southwest.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers, fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest, 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then smooth or slight later.
Fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, perhaps increasing severe gale 9 for a time, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then smooth or slight later.
Fair.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 or 7, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough, the moderate later.
Showers, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 2 or 3.
Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high until later in north, becoming slight or moderate later in east.
Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, backing west 3 or 4, then southwest 4 or 5 later.
Rough at first in far north, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in east.
Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time in North Channel.

Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in North Channel, becoming smooth or slight in Firth of Clyde.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough later.

Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and in far south, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in central areas.

Showers, occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in north, becoming rough or very rough later.

Wintry showers, rain for a time, fair later.

Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

Valid Monday 03 Feb 2020 at 1800 UTC until Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A complex low and associated frontal systems will move over Shetland waters then away across the North Sea on Tuesday

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly gale force 8 increasing storm force 10 soon, issued 0354 UTC 3rd Feb 2020

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic, then northeasterly later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in north
Rough, at first in east, otherwise very rough or high, but moderate in shelter east of Shetland.

Showers

Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Tuesday 04 Feb until 1800 UTC on Tuesday 04 Feb:

Northeasterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first in south, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 then westerly 4 or 5 later

Very rough occasionally high at first in west, becoming mainly rough, but slight or moderate in sheltered waters close to Shetland.

Showers

Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 5 to 7 this evening, then 6 to gale 8 after midnight, decreasing 5 to 7 again by late afternoon tomorrow.

Slight to moderate, increasing rough overnight, perhaps locally very rough in the far west, decreasing moderate to rather rough around dusk tomorrow a low to moderate swell throughout.

Rain and drizzle, heavy at times, with mist and the risk of fog patches clearing to isolated showers this evening showers increasing overnight but dying out by mid-afternoon tomorrow.

Moderate to poor, perhaps locally very poor at first, becoming good this evening, perhaps locally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 6 locally 7, veering and decreasing north to northeast 2 to 4 by Wednesday morning, further veering southeast by evening.

Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight overnight, locally smooth later a low swell throughout.

Fair or fine.

Good.

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