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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

General Situation

A strong to gale winds in the north at first, then developing in all areas as an area of low pressure approaches western Scotland by midnight on Saturday.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, but 5 at times in Moray Firth, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in east, but locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 to north of Aberdeen, veering southwesterly 5 or 6 for a time.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southwesterly for a time, 5 or 6 increasing 6 or 7.

Wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southerly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

East veering southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate, increasing moderate or rough later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Easterly veering southerly 4 or 5, veering westerly 6 or 7 later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northeast veering south 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, later increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8, then veering west.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East veering south 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, later increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8, then veering west.

Occasional rain or drizzle then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, increasing rough or very rough.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming south 3 or 4, later increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8, then veering southwest.

Occasional rain, perhaps sleet in north at first, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, increasing rough, occasionally very rough in St Georges Channel.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5, later increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8, then veering southwest.

Wintry showers, then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East 4 imminently veering south 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 during Friday afternoon, veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Showers then rain, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

Moderate becoming rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering southwest.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering southwest.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

East veering southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in east later.

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