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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 02 March to 0600 UTC Thursday 03 March 2016

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure will move southeastwards from northwest Scotland to reach the southeastern North Sea by Wednesday afternoon bringing strong winds and wintry weather to the United Kingdom.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic, but north in northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in northwest.

Slight or moderate in south, rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, mainly north, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate in south, rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough in north.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming northeast 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering northwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming east 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering northwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, occasional sleet or snow.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near North Foreland.
Showers, occasional rain or snow.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Showers, occasionally rain or snow.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, then veering northwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Showers, occasionally rain or snow.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time.
Moderate in shelter, otherwise, rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.
Squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far west.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far west.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Wintry showers, occasional rain or snow for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 4, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Wintry showers, occasional rain or snow for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 4, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Wintry showers, occasional rain or snow for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Wintry showers, occasional rain or snow for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming east or northeast 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough, occasionally high in far north and in far south.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming east or northeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high, becoming moderate or rough later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming east or northeast 5 to 7 later.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 Mar 2016 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 02 Mar 2016 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low to the north moves south over Shetland on Wednesday morning and continues to track south rest of Wednesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale force 8 now veered Westerly. (Issued 1613UTC on 1st March)

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming northerly 6 to gale 8 later in west.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later in east.
Occasional showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 02 Mar until 0600 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar:
Cyclonic 4 or 5 in east. northerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9, in west.
Moderate or rough in east. very rough, perhaps high, in west.
Occasional showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in the north, increasing 7 to gale 8 by dawn, locally severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt late morning until early evening.

Rather rough to rough, becoming rough to very rough mid morning, locally high in the north and west in the afternoon.

Scattered showers with a risk of hail and thunder by dawn.

Moderate to poor in showers, otherwise moderate to good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to gale 8, decreasing 6 to 7 by dawn and 4 to 5 by midday, backing southwest around midday, veering west late Thursday evening and increasing 5 to 6.

Rough to very rough, becoming moderate to rather rough, locally rough in the morning.

Scattered squally rain or hail showers with the risk of thunder, dying out in the morning then occasional rain.

Moderate to good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers and in rain later.

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