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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 04 May to 0600 UTC Thursday 05 May 2016

General Situation

High pressure near southern England will move northeastwards into northern Europe, where it will become slow moving, bringing quiet conditions to the southeastern half of the United Kingdom for the next few days. However, low pressure moving northeastwards to the southeast of Iceland will maintain more unsettled and windier conditions in the northwest.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in northwest, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough for a time in north.

Occasional drizzle, mainly in north.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight occasionally moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southerly backing southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southerly backing southeasterly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, backing easterly 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, backing east 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly south backing east later, 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming rough later in far west, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 or 4, backing northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough.
Fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 4 or 5, becoming variable, mainly northeast later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in north.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in northwest.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time in northwest.
Occasional drizzle later, mainly in north.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Occasional drizzle at first.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 or 6 decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Mainly moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 4 or 5, backing east or northeast 3 or 4 later.
Slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate early and later in east, otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in north, becoming smooth or slight in east.
Occasional 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:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight, except in far north.
Occasional drizzle at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough and high later in northwest.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south and later far north.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and in far north, becoming slight or moderate later.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high later.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Very rough or high becoming moderate or rough later.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A fresh to strong southerly flow continues as a cold front slowly approaches Shetland from the west later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8 in

operation at time of issue.

Southwest 6 or 7, perhaps occasionally gale 8.
Moderate at first in the east, otherwise rough.
Mainly fair, occasional rain in the west.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 May until 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 May:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.
Rough.
Occasional rain moving east.
Mainly good, occasionally moderate in rain.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

East to southeast 1 to 3, occasionally 4, becoming east to northeast 3 to 4 late afternoon, backing east to southeast overnight.
Smooth or slight.
Fair or fine.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to southeast 3 to 4, backing northeast in the afternoon, increasing 4 to 5, veering east to southeast 3 to 4 overnight.
Smooth or slight, with a low swell.
Locally haze.
Mainly good.

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