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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 May to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 May 2016

#### General Situation

Low pressure in the north Atlantic will bring strong winds and gales for a time in the west of Scotland and Northern Ireland. High pressure on the near Continent however, will bring settled and fine weather to all other parts of the British Isles in the coming couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in northwest.  
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.  
Drizzle then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.  
Moderate.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 and backing east.  
Slight, occasionally moderate near Rattray Head.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor later in south.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.  
Slight occasionally moderate at first.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing east later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 later.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing east 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

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:

Easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southerly backing southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

South backing east or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 or 5.

Mainly moderate.

Fair.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly south backing east later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later around headlands.

Moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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 becoming moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming east or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 and becoming variable.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable, becoming east or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in northwest.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable or northeast 3 or 4.  
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 later.  
Mainly moderate.  
Drizzle for a time.  
Moderate or good.

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

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later in east.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then north or northeast 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in northwest.  
Mainly fair, but occasional drizzle in northwest.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in northwest.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northeasterly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 5 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally high for a time in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 May 2016 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 May 2016 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low south of Iceland tracks slowly northeast with various troughs extending towards Shetland.

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

South 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough but rough close off east Shetland, and very rough later in northwest.

Rain mostly clearing.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

05 May:

South 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate close off east Shetland.

Occasional rain, mainly later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Variable or easterly 2 to 4, perhaps occasionally 5, becoming southeast for a time Thursday morning.

Smooth or slight, perhaps locally moderate in the north at times.

Fair or fine.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to northeast 3 to 4, increasing 4 to 5 at times, veering east to southeast and decreasing 3 to 4 by dawn on Friday.

Smooth or slight, with a low swell, locally moderate in the north of the area.

Fair or fine.

Mainly good.

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