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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

A strong southeasterly airflow covers the United Kingdom with wintry showers in the north and east.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8, but 5 at times in Moray Firth and close inshore on lee coasts.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 around Orkney, veering southwesterly 5 or 6.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high around Orkney and Rattray Head.

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 later.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high around Rattray Head.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

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

Wintry showers, rain later.

Good becoming moderate later.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate becoming good.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

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

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Good becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Rough becoming moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate becoming good.
Moderate occasionally rough.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 5 or 6, veering south 4 for a time.
Rain or sleet for a time.
Good becoming moderate or poor for a time.
Rough becoming moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate occasionally rough in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 4 or 5, veering southerly 5 or 6 later.
Occasional rain or sleet then mainly fair.
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.
Moderate becoming slight for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Easterly veering southerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate, becoming slight in east for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate occasionally rough.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 around Isles of Scilly at first, decreasing 3 or 4, later veering southwest 6 or 7.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west 6 or 7, decreasing 5 later.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 5 or 6 veering southerly 3 or 4, later increasing 6 or 7.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good.
Moderate, but rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, increasing very rough for a time.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 5 or 6 veering southerly 3, later increasing 7 or gale 8.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in St Georges Channel later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west 7 or gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5.
Rain at first, then showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
East 5 or 6 veering southeast 3 or 4, later increasing 6 to gale 8.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Slight becoming moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast veering west 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate becoming rough.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
East 4 or 5, veering south tomorrow morning, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Showers then rain later.
Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.
Moderate becoming rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Rain at first then isolated showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
East veering south 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time overnight but increasing 6 to gale 8 later tomorrow.
Wintry showers, rain for a time later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough becoming slight for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west 6 to gale 8.
Showers.
Good.
Moderate or rough.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel
24 hour forecast:
East veering south 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time overnight but increasing 6 to gale 8 later tomorrow.

Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough becoming slight for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west 6 to gale 8.
Rain at first, then showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, veering southerly and increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering west 6 to gale 8.
Rain at first, then showers.
Moderate or good.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides
24 hour forecast:
East veering southeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Rain at first then showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high later.

Shetland Isles
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Rough or very rough, becoming high later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 later.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
High or very high.

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