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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 04 February to 1200 UTC Friday 05 February
2016

General Situation

A mild southwesterly airstream will bring outbreaks of rain and drizzle through the next couple of days with squally showers developing through the latter part of the period.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later near Cape Wrath.

Moderate or rough in northwest, slight or moderate in southeast.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, backing southeasterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Rough or very rough in northwest, slight or moderate in southeast.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far east.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate in southeast, moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northeast.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times, backing southeast 5 or 6 later.

Moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 4 or 5, then backing south 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, backing southerly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate, becoming rough later in west.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate, becoming rough later.

Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering westerly 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far southwest.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering west 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, veering west 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north and south.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate at first in shelter.
Rain or drizzle, squally showers later.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle, then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time.
Rough, becoming very rough later.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or drizzle, then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

Valid Thursday 04 Feb 2016 at 1200 UTC until Friday 05 Feb 2016 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weak ridge of high pressure over Shetland waters declines, before a deep Icelandic low pushes frontal troughs northeast over the area later Thursday and into Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8 expected later, issued at 04/0355 UTC

Northwesterly 4 or 5 at first in northwest, otherwise variable 3 becoming south or southeast 5 to 7.

Rough.

Rain spreading from southwest later.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 05 Feb until 1200 UTC on Friday 05 Feb:

South or southeast veering southwest 5 to 7.

Rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain clearing east later.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 later this afternoon, backing southwest overnight, further backing south Friday morning and increasing 5 to 6, locally 7 in the north.

Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate to rather rough by evening, locally slight in the south later.

Occasional rain or drizzle risk of fog patches.

Moderate to poor, perhaps locally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 5 in the south to 7 in the north, increasing 7 to gale 8 by Saturday afternoon.

Slight to moderate, with swell, becoming moderate in the south to rough in the north by mid afternoon, locally very rough in the north later.

Patchy rain or drizzle.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

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