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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Sunday 03 January to 0600 UTC Monday 04 January 2016

General Situation

Low pressure will dominate the weather across the United Kingdom over the next couple of days, with many areas seeing very strong winds and rain at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time near Orkney.

Very rough or high, occasionally rough west of Orkney and in inner Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Rough or very rough, but high in east until later, occasionally moderate west of Orkney later.

Rain or sleet at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 until later.

High in north, very rough in south.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later.

High until later in north, otherwise very rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8.

Very rough, occasionally rough later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing easterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.

Rough, occasionally very rough until later in north, moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing easterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in south.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, backing southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, then veering southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Thames estuary.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, mainly southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in south.

Mainly slight in Thames estuary, otherwise moderate.

Showers, squally in south.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Fair then rain, thundery showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain then thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in lyme bay, becoming high in far west.

Rain then thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, occasionally 4 later.

Moderate or rough in lyme bay, otherwise rough or very rough, but mainly high west of the Lizard.

Squally thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate at first in east, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high later in west.

Rain then thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 4 at times later.

High until later in west, otherwise rough or very rough.

Thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering south or southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough south of the llyn peninsula.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Rough or very rough until later south of the llyn peninsula, otherwise slight or moderate.

Thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 5 or 6, backing northeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, backing east for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time.

Rain for a time, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast, backing northeast later, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, backing east 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly backing easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.
Rain at times, showers later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly backing northeasterly 5 to 7.
Moderate, occasionally slight in Firth of Clyde.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, backing east 5 or 6 later.
Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough, occasionally very rough.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing northeast, 5 to 7.
Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.
Showers.
Mainly good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast backing east 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Slight near skye at first, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate, occasionally rough until later.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast backing east 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in far north.
Occasional rain.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.
Very rough, occasionally high at first in far north, becoming rough later.
Mainly fair.
Good.

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

Valid Sunday 03 Jan 2016 at 0600 UTC until Sunday 03 Jan 2016 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure over the British Isles maintains the very strong southeasterly flow across Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly storm force 10.

Southeasterly severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10.
High, but rough or very rough to the lee of Shetland.
Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly south.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan until 0600 UTC on Monday 04 Jan:

Southeasterly severe gale 9, perhaps occasionally storm 10 at first. decreasing east or southeast 6 or 7 in the north later.
High, but rough or very rough to the lee of Shetland.
Occasional rain or sleet, mainly south.
Moderate, occasionally poor. Becoming good in the north.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to 7 increasing 7 to gale 8, veering southwest to west by early afternoon decreasing 5 to 7, but gusty near showers.
Moderate in the south to rough in the north, becoming generally rough to very rough.
Rain, locally heavy, clearing around midday to showers risk of hail and thunder.
Moderate to poor in rain becoming moderate to good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 6 to 7, occasionally gale 8 with gusts to 50kt, decreasing 5 to 6 overnight.
Rough to very rough, moderating overnight.
Showers risk of hail and thunder.
Moderate to good, except in showers.

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