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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Sunday 03 September to 1800 UTC Monday 04 September 2023

General Situation

High pressure over Germany will extend a ridge westwards across the British Isles maintaining predominantly fine weather, but a slow-moving front will affect the far north giving outbreaks of rain or drizzle and strong southwesterly winds across more northern Scottish waters.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in far northwest, becoming variable 2 to 4 later in south.
Rough or very rough to the west and north or Orkney, slight or moderate elsewhere, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.
Occasional rain or drizzle in north.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4 until later in south, otherwise southwesterly becoming cyclonic, then easterly later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.
In northwest, moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first, but elsewhere smooth or slight.
Occasional drizzle with fog patches in north.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming east later, 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest becoming variable, then southeast later, 2 to 4.
Smooth occasionally slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth occasionally slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming east or southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth occasionally slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or southeast 2 to 4, becoming variable 3 or less for a time.
Smooth occasionally slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or southeasterly, backing northeasterly later in south, 3 or 4, decreasing
2 at times in north.
Smooth occasionally slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or northeasterly 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near Selsey Bill.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 4 to 6, decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Isles of Scilly.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in lyme bay, becoming variable 3 or less

later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Isles of Scilly.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming east 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Showers, mainly in west.

Mainly good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

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

Smooth occasionally slight.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 to 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near St Davids Head.

Fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4.

Smooth, occasionally slight in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 2 at first in north, increasing 5 at times in south.

Smooth occasionally slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming east or northeast later, 2 to 4.

Smooth occasionally slight.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 2 to 4.

Smooth occasionally slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4.

Moderate or rough in far north, smooth or slight elsewhere.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming east or northeast 3 to 5 later.

Mainly moderate in far north, smooth or slight elsewhere.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southerly, 2 to 4.

Moderate near Mull of Kintyre, otherwise smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly or northeasterly 3 to 5.

Moderate near Mull of Kintyre, otherwise smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 until later in north, otherwise variable 2 to 4.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in sheltered east and very rough at first west of Tiree.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in west.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in south, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north and also at first in far southwest.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northeasterly 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Occasional drizzle in north.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in south, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in north.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in far southeast.

Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4, then northeasterly 3 to 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north.
Occasional drizzle with fog patches in north.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in north.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Sunday 03 Sep 2023 at 1800 UTC until Monday 04 Sep 2023 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weather fronts affecting Shetland Waters Sunday, clear to the south for a time before pushing north again Monday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Southwesterly gale force 8 expected soon. Issued 0345 UTC on Sun 3 Sep 2023.

West or southwest 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in sheltered waters east of Shetland.
Fair, rain or drizzle south spreading north.
Good, falling moderate or poor at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Monday 04 Sep until 1800 UTC on Monday 04 Sep:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 2 to 4 westerly or northwesterly in the northwest later.
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in sheltered waters east of Shetland.
Rain or drizzle north, fair south.
Moderate or poor, but mainly good south.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East to northeast 3 to 5, perhaps locally 6 in the north of the area later.
Smooth or slight with a low swell, becoming moderate in the northwest of the area by mid-day.
Mist or fog patches, mainly in the north and west of the area until late evening.
Good, locally moderate to very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East to northeast 3 to 5, perhaps occasionally 6 in the north of the area at first, veering east to southeast 2 to 4 by mid-morning Tuesday.
Smooth or slight with a low swell, occasionally moderate in the north and west of the area, becoming generally smooth later.
Fine.
Good.

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