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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 04 January to 0000 UTC Sunday 05 January 2020

General Situation

The west to northwesterly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will gradually back southwesterly during the next day or two bringing strong winds to many areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwesterly 5 to 7 later. Very rough or high to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Squally showers, wintry in north, then rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Rough or very rough to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Fair then rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest later, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest later, 3 to 5.

Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 later in west.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly later, 3 to 5.

Rough becoming moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 later in west.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first in east.

Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough in south, slight or moderate in north.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Moderate or rough in south, slight or moderate in north.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough in north, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.
Moderate or rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough near the Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough near Tiree.
Showers then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first in central areas.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea moving away, allowing a temporary ridge to build across the area. This clears east later Saturday as Atlantic fronts feed across your area.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Severe gale force 9 veering northwesterly imminent, decreasing gale force 8 soon, issued at 15:54 UTC on Fri 3 Jan 2020

Northwest 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 3 or 4 later
Very rough or high, but rough just east of Shetland.
Showers, wintry at times, becoming fair later
Good, occasionally moderate or poor at first

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 6 to gale 8 later

Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland

Fair at first, then occasional rain

Good becoming moderate or poor later

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

North to northwest 3 to 4, backing northwest to west by mid-morning locally 5 mid-channel in the afternoon.

Slight, increasing moderate for a time in the afternoon, with a moderate swell decreasing to a low swell by the morning.

Isolated light showers, dying out later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 to 4, locally 5 in the north, backing southwest to south 4 to 5 in the evening.

Slight, occasionally moderate in the north, with a low swell.

Mainly cloudy.

Good.

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