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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure to move east over the United Kingdom during Saturday, allowing winds to ease for a time. However, a further deepening Atlantic low will approach northwest Scotland later Saturday, becoming complex and slow moving during Sunday bringing further strong winds or gales, occasionally severe gales, to many coasts for a time.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in far southeast, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate in west Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, backing southeast 6 or 7, but gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times in east and north.

Rain.

Moderate or poor.

Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in west Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwesterly 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 5 at times later.

Occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, increasing rough or very rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later in north.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 5 later.

Occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough offshore.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 at times later, decreasing 4 for a time.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.
Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10, for a time.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate, increasing rough, occasionally very rough later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly, veering westerly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10, for a time.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in west.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, increasing very rough or high later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10, for a time, veering westerly 5 or 6 later.

Occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Very rough or high, decreasing rough or very rough later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in west.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough, increasing very rough, occasionally high in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time, veering westerly 5 or 6 later.

Rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Very rough or high, decreasing rough or very rough later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in west.

Wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, increasing very rough, occasionally high later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time, veering westerly 5 or 6 later.

Rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Very rough, occasionally high in west, decreasing rough.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in west.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, increasing rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time, veering westerly 5 or 6 later.

Rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or poor.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough later.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

West backing south or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor in rain.

Moderate or rough, increasing rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwesterly 5 later.

Rain, clearing later.
Moderate or poor, becoming good later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later, perhaps storm 10 at times later in east.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or poor.

Mainly rough or very rough, but moderate at first in southeast.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at first in east, veering west or southwest 4 or 5.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor becoming mainly good.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate in southeast.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Rain.

Moderate or poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high through North Channel, decreasing moderate or rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 or a time later, decreasing 4 for a time.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first, veering southwesterly 4 or 5.

Rain.

Moderate or poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly, 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times later, decreasing 4 for a time.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in south and west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable or cyclonic 3 or 4 for a time in west but mainly southerly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first in east.

Rain.

Moderate or poor.

Rough or very rough.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7, decreasing 4 for a time later.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Very rough or high, decreasing rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming southeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north and west.

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