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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 02 November to 1800 UTC Friday 03 November 2023

General Situation

The very deep area of low pressure known as storm ciaran is now moving slowly northwards across the North Sea. It continues to bring strong locally gale force winds to the british inshore waters, as well as showers or longer spells of rain, some of which will be heavy.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near Orkney, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in east.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, becoming cyclonic 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly in south, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in Firth of Forth.

Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 to 6 backing west 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 to 6 backing northwest 5 to 7, then west 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 to 6 backing southwest 3 or 4, then east 3 to 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing west 5 to 7, then southwest 4 to 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, backing east or southeast later, 4 to 6.
Moderate in north, slight or moderate in south.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 4 at times later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in east.
Rain or showers, perhaps thundery at first.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8 later, then veering southerly 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in east.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 5 or 6, then occasionally 7 again later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Rain then showers, perhaps thundery.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 5 or 6 backing southerly or southeasterly 7 or gale 8, veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or showers, squally or thundery later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 7 or gale 8 decreasing 5 or 6, then occasionally 7 again later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Showers, perhaps thundery.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 to 6 backing southeast 7 or gale 8, veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Mainly rough or very rough, but moderate in lyme bay and becoming high for a time near the Isles of Scilly.
Showers, perhaps thundery.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7 becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, then southwest 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in west.

Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west or southwest 4 to 6, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough in west, moderate or rough in east.

Showers, perhaps thundery.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming west or southwest 3 to 5 later.

Very rough at first near Cornwall, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in east.

Rain or showers, becoming squally or thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near st david's head.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 to 7 backing south or southeast 3 to 5, then east or northeast 4 to 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in north.

Showers, then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Rough at first in south, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6 becoming variable 2 to 4, then east or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times, then showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times elsewhere.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight except in far north.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times elsewhere.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in far north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate at first in North Channel, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in shelter.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then north or northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Moderate or rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in central and southern areas.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate between barra and canna.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Nov 2023 at 1800 UTC until Friday 03 Nov 2023 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Storm Ciaran will move slowly northeast over the southern North Sea bringing an east or northeasterly flow to Shetland Waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale now ceased but northeasterly gale force 8 expected soon (issued 0950 UTC on Thu 2 Nov)

Easterly backing northeasterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in far south

Rough, but moderate in sheltered waters west of Shetland

Rain at times

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Nov until 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Nov:

East or northeast 4 to 6

Rough, but moderate in sheltered waters west of Shetland

Rain at times

Moderate or good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 with gusts to 50kt at first, backing west to southwest 4 to 6 overnight, veering west to northwest 5 to 7 around midday.

Rough to very rough, decreasing rather rough to rough overnight, locally moderate with a low swell in the south for a time, generally increasing rough to very rough later.

Showers, heavy at times, with a risk of thunder at first and again later.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing south to southeast, increasing 6 to gale 8 towards dawn, veering southwest to west by mid-morning, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Rough to very rough, decreasing rather rough to rough for a time overnight and again from late afternoon.

Rain or showers, locally heavy, with a risk of thunder.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor at times.

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