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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 03 May to 1800 UTC Friday 04 May 2018

#### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will bring quiet conditions to the south, but will maintain a rather brisk and changeable westerly or southwesterly airflow across the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in east.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate in east and moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly in north.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate in east and moderate or rough in north.

Occasional drizzle in north.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate in north, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southerly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly south, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly south, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable, mainly southerly 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable, becoming northeasterly later, 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in southeast.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Moderate in far west, otherwise smooth or slight.  
Occasional drizzle for a time, fog patches developing, mainly in west.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor, mainly in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate in west, otherwise smooth or slight.  
Fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight in Bristol Channel, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fog patches developing, occasional drizzle until later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight in Bristol Channel, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Fog patches developing, occasional drizzle until later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain or drizzle until later, fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable, mainly south 3 or 4, occasionally 5 for a time.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest backing south or southwest later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.  
Rain at first, fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest, 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in southeast.  
Occasional rain or drizzle, fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Mainly southerly veering southwesterly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in southeast.  
Occasional drizzle in north, fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth at times in shelter.  
Occasional rain or drizzle, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southerly veering southwesterly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.

Fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, mainly in northwest.

Slight or moderate in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, fog patches in southeast.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in southeast.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in northwest, decreasing 4 at times in southeast, veering northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate at first in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional drizzle, with fog patches in southeast.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in southeast.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, but mainly rough in far north and in far south.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later.

Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 03 May 2018 at 1800 UTC until Friday 04 May 2018 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A broad southwesterly flow will cover Shetland and surrounding waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue.

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in south

Moderate or rough

Occasional rain or drizzle  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 04 May until 1800 UTC on Friday 04 May:

Southwesterly 5 or 6  
Moderate or rough  
Occasional rain or drizzle  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3 overnight, then northerly 2 to 4 Friday afternoon.

Smooth or slight.

Mist or fog patches from dawn.

Good, locally poor or very poor in mist or fog.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 1 to 3, becoming northerly 2 to 4 Friday afternoon, then northeast early evening.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Mist or fog patches, especially in the west, clearing Saturday morning.

Good, occasionally poor or very poor.

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