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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 03 March to 0000 UTC Friday 04 March 2016

General Situation

An area of low pressure will move southeastwards through the North Sea with a brief ridge of high pressure to follow. A new area of low pressure will move eastwards into the United Kingdom later on Thursday and during Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 or 6 at first in east, otherwise northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate in southeast, very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later in northwest.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time in northwest, northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in southeast.

Slight or moderate in southeast, moderate or rough occasionally very rough in northwest.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Rattray Head, becoming variable 3 or 4 later, then northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.

Slight.

Wintry showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east or northeast 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming north or northwest, backing south later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, backing east or northeast 5 to 7.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southerly 3 or 4 later, then increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 4 or 5 but becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later, then increasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly veering westerly, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5, then veering north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

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

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, veering northerly 6 to gale 8 later in west, but becoming variable 3 or 4 later in east.

Rough, becoming very rough later west of the Lizard, slight or moderate east of the Lizard.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 5 to 7 later, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

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

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then becoming northerly 6 to gale 8 later in west and 5 or 6 later in east.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing south 5 or 6 later, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough, becoming moderate or slight.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest becoming cyclonic, 5 to 7, becoming northerly or northeasterly 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic later, mainly southeast, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming north or northeast later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing south later, then becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, rain at times later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming east or northeast, then backing north later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, rain at times later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming north or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming easterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 5 to 7, backing northerly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming east 5 or 6 later.
Very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Wintry showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly backing northerly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough at times later.
Occasional rain or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing east or northeast 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far north and in far south.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough, but very rough later in far north and in far south.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing east or northeast 5 or 6 later.
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough at times later.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 03 Mar 2016 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An area of low pressure over North Sea moves north over southern Norwegian Sea while an Atlantic low moves southeast over UK through Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 imminent, issued at 02/1607 UTC

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar until 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Mar:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, mainly northerly in west, perhaps gale 8 later in northwest.

Rough, occasionally moderate in east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to gale 8 with gusts to 50kt, decreasing 6 to 7 around dawn and 4 to 5 by midday, backing southwest to south by evening, increasing 5 to 6 occasionally 7, veering west later.

Very rough decreasing moderate to rather rough in the afternoon, becoming rough in the west later.

Scattered squally rain or hail showers with a risk of thunder, dying out during the morning occasional rain spreading from the west late afternoon.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to 7, veering northwest and decreasing 5 to 6 by dawn, becoming variable 2 to 4, locally 5 by midday, then northeast to north in the evening.

Rather rough to rough, decreasing slight, locally moderate with swell Friday afternoon.

Rain, heavy at times, soon clearing, then scattered rain or hail showers developing risk of thunder.

Moderate to poor, becoming good, occasionally moderate in showers.

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