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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 03 January to 0600 UTC Saturday 04 January 2020

#### General Situation

Cold fronts will clear the southeast of the United Kingdom during this morning with a further frontal system returning to the northwest on Saturday. Meanwhile, pressure will build to the south of the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, except in Moray Firth.

Showers, wintry in north, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, becoming slight at times in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in far north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly later, 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain, mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Mainly moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 at first in south, otherwise northwesterly, backing westerly, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering westerly or northwesterly, 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in Thames estuary.  
Occasional rain at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly 4 to 6, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Thames estuary.  
Fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing westerly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far west, then occasionally slight in shelter.  
Occasional rain or drizzle at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest, 4 or 5.  
Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first west of lundy island.  
Rain or drizzle, then fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 to 6.  
Moderate or rough.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West backing southwest, 4 to 6.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest, backing west, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain, becoming fair for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest, backing west or southwest, 5 to 7.  
Mainly moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest, 4 to 6.  
Mainly moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest backing west, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.  
Rough or very rough in northwest, otherwise moderate, occasionally slight.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6.  
Rough or very rough at first in northwest, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers or occasional rain.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough, but occasionally slight in Firth of Clyde.  
Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 5 to 7.

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

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 for a time, then perhaps gale 8 later in northwest.

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

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in far north, but mainly moderate in central areas.

Showers, wintry in north, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming southwest 4 to 6, then increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north, but occasionally slight in central areas.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high.

Showers, wintry in north, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming southwest 4 to 6, then increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC until Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea feeds a strong cold westerly airstream across Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 decreasing severe gale force 9 imminent, veering westerly later issued at 03:46 UTC on Thu 2 Jan 2020

West 7 to severe gale 9.

High in north and west, very rough in southeast, but rough just east of Shetland.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Jan until 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan:

West veering northwest 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

High in north and west, very rough in southeast, but moderate to rough just east of Shetland.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest to west 5 to 6, locally 7 mainly mid-channel, veering northwest to north late morning, decreasing 4 to 5 during afternoon and 3 to 4 during evening, backing northwest overnight, locally 5 in north before dawn.

Rather rough to rough, locally very rough in west around dawn, decreasing to moderate during late afternoon with a moderate swell then decreasing slight with a low swell overnight.

Occasional rain clearing during the early afternoon.

Good, but occasionally moderate or poor this morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 4 occasionally 5 mid-channel, backing west by dusk, decreasing 2 to 4 by midnight, backing west to southwest overnight.

Slight with a low swell.

Isolated showers.

Good.

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