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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 March to 0000 UTC Thursday 05 March 2020

General Situation

An area of low pressure will move slowly eastwards then southeastwards across Wales, southern England and the English Channel during Wednesday and Thursday, but it is not expected to bring gales.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6 backing southwest 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough to the west and north of Orkney and smooth or slight in Moray Firth, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers, wintry in north.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally variable 2 later in south.

Moderate or rough to the west and north of Orkney and smooth or slight in south, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers, wintry in north.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Showers for a time later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 2 to 4, backing south or southwest 3 to 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Slight, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate at first in north, otherwise slight.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming east or southeast 2 to 4.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 to 4, then becoming mainly easterly later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 2 to 4 backing northeasterly 4 or 5, then becoming variable mainly northerly 2 to 4 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 2 to 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then cyclonic mainly easterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in east.

Fair then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 3 or 4 backing northeasterly 4 to 6, then northwesterly 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 2 to 4 becoming variable 3 or less then southeast 4 to 6, then becoming cyclonic 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.

Fair then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 or 4 becoming north or northeast 4 or 5, then backing northwest 2 to 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rain at times, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5, occasionally variable 2 at first, then backing southeast 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight at first in lyme bay, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair at first in east, otherwise rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 to 5 veering northeasterly 4 to 6, then backing westerly 3 to 5 later, increasing 6 or 7 later in far west.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest becoming cyclonic, then northeast later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough in west, slight or moderate in east.
Fair at first in east, otherwise rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 4 to 6 backing northerly 3 to 5, then becoming cyclonic later,
occasionally 6 later in west.
Moderate or rough in west, slight or moderate in east.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Variable becoming southeasterly, then backing northeasterly later, 2 to 4,
occasionally 5 in south.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near st david's head.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, backing northerly 2 or
3, then southerly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near st david's head.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
West becoming variable 3 or less, occasionally 4 at first, then becoming
northeast later.
Slight, becoming smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 2 to 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then south 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
West becoming variable 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.
Slight, becoming smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less becoming south or southwest 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 2 to 4 becoming variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north, occasionally
smooth for a time in east.
Showers in far north, otherwise fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 2 to 4, then backing south 3 to 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north but becoming smooth at times

in east.
Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 2 to 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate near the Mull of Kintyre, but elsewhere smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming southerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 at times.

Mainly moderate or rough, but slight in shelter.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 5 at times, then becoming south or southeast 3 to 5 later.

Mainly moderate or rough, but slight in shelter.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later just north of skye.

Showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, then backing south later.

Smooth or slight just north of skye, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, then backing south later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Mar 2020 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 04 Mar 2020 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low near Iceland keeping a showery southwesterly flow across the area

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

South or southwest 3 or 4, veering west 4 or 5

Moderate or rough

Showers

Good, occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 Mar until 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Mar:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in shelter just east of Shetland

Showers

Good, occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly by dawn, and soon after increasing 4 to 6, veering southwesterly 3 to 5 by mid-afternoon, perhaps occasionally 6 in the west of the area.

Slight or moderate with a low swell, increasing rather rough in the north and west of the area for a time during the afternoon and evening.

Occasional rain and drizzle spreading from the west, clearing for a time during the afternoon.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 to 5, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 around dawn, perhaps 7 for a time around noon, then backing westerly 3 or 4 towards midnight.

Slight or moderate with a low swell, increasing moderate to rather rough by noon.

Occasional rain and drizzle, becoming persistent and heavy at times, clearing to isolated showers after dusk.

Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor.

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