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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 04 August to 1800 UTC Saturday 05 August 2023

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will continue to move eastwards, allowing a deepening low to approach Wales and southwest England from the Atlantic. This will bring another bout of unseasonably wet and windy weather to southern parts on Saturday as it transfers eastwards towards the Netherlands. A slacker, showery flow in the north, will then spread southwards on Sunday, as the low moves away.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming east or southeast, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3.

Slight or moderate in north, smooth or slight in south.

Showers at first.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming east 2 to 4, backing northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Showers, but rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing northeast 3 or 4, then becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers at first.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming northeast 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first, then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming northeast 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming southerly 3 or 4, then cyclonic 4 to 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in east.

Showers at first, rain or thundery showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 to 6, becoming northwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in east.

Rain or showers, thundery at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southerly 4 or 5, then veering southwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Showers at first, rain or thundery showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing westerly 4 to 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later near shore.

Rain or showers, thundery at first, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, veering southwest 5 or 6, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair at first, then rain, thundery showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough at first, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far west.

Fair at first, then rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough at first, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers later.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7, then veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in southwest.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough at first, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then north or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far southwest.

Fair at first, then rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7, backing west or northwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far southwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, backing east 5 to 7, then backing north 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 to 6, backing west or northwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing east 5 to 7, then backing north 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming easterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in far southeast, backing northerly later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in far southeast.

Rain at times, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, backing westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Mull of Galloway, backing northerly later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, backing westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming east, then backing northwest later, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in shelter.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in shelter.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming north or northeast later, 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North becoming variable 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming north or northeast later, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North becoming variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

Valid Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 05 Aug 2023 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Northwesterly flow across Shetland Waters will soon ease as a ridge of high pressure builds from the west with a slack flow developing on Saturday.

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

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3 in west.

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug until 1800 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug:

North or northwesterly 2 to 4, soon becoming variable 3 or less in west.

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, backing southwest 5 to 6 by dawn, increasing 6 to 7 by mid-morning then veering west to northwest by mid-afternoon, perhaps locally gale 8 with gusts to 50kts later.

Slight with a low swell, increasing rather rough to rough by midday, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or drizzle spreading east after midnight, perhaps locally heavy, clearing by mid-afternoon.

Good to moderate, perhaps locally poor at times.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 with gusts to 50kts at first, decreasing 4 to 5 by mid-morning.

Rather rough to rough, perhaps locally very rough at first, becoming slight to moderate with a low swell around dawn.

Isolated showers after midnight.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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