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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 03 January to 0000 UTC Sunday 04 January 2015

General Situation

The changeable and often unsettled weather will continue for the next few days, although an area of high pressure will bring quieter conditions for a time to many areas on Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first near Orkney, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough or high until later north and west of Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6 backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, occasionally gale 8 later in far west.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough north and west of Orkney.

Showers, occasional rain later in west.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in near Rattray Head, backing southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, veering northwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight near shore at first, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, then veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, becoming cyclonic, then northwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate, becoming mainly slight later.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 or 5 backing southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northerly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 4 or 5 becoming variable 4, then becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.
Moderate, becoming mainly slight later.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 3 or 4, veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then veering north or northeast 4 or 5 later.
Slight at first in shelter, otherwise moderate, becoming rough for a time.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast veering south or southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.
Moderate.
Fair, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then veering northeast 4 or 5 later.
Slight in shelter east of Start Point at first, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west for a time.
Rain or drizzle.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast, veering southeast then southwest, 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic then southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate becoming rough, but becoming very rough for a time in west.

Rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast, veering south or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 for a time near St Davids Head.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in east.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time in far south, then becoming easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly, backing southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

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

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Occasional rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering north or northwest, 6 or 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers for a time.

Good, becoming moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing south 3 or 4, decreasing 2 or 3 for a time, increasing 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Fair, rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far northwest, becoming slight later in east.

Occasional rain or showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near Mull of Kintyre.

Occasional rain or showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough, but high in west at first.

Showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south 5 to 7.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far north and far south.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 6 to gale 8.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

High, becoming rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

Valid Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong and unstable northwest airflow will develop over Shetland on Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly violent storm force 11 decreasing severe gale force 9 soon, issued at 1551

West 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough, but high at first in west.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 03 Jan until 0000 UTC on Sunday 04 Jan:

Northwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in west.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast to south 4 to 5, increasing 6 to 7 and veering southwest to west by dawn, increasing locally gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 to 5 in the evening, veering northeast around midnight.

Slight becoming moderate to rather rough by dawn and rough to very rough during the morning.

Occasional rain or drizzle clearing for a time in the afternoon.

Good becoming moderate to poor then good again later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to east 4, locally 5 at first, backing southeast by morning and decreasing 2 to 4.

Rather rough, soon becoming slight with swell.

Any rain soon clearing.

Good, locally moderate at first.

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