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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 May to 0000 UTC Thursday 05 May 2016

#### General Situation

High pressure near southern England will move northeastwards into northern Europe, where it will become slow moving, bringing quiet conditions to the southeastern half of the United Kingdom. Low pressure moving northeastwards between to the southeast of Iceland will maintain rather unsettled and windier conditions in the northwest.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southerly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

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

Occasional rain and drizzle, mainly in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in northwest, decreasing 4 at times in east.

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

Occasional drizzle, mainly in north.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight, occasionally moderate later, in south.

Fair.

Good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point

##### 24 hour forecast:

West 3 or less, backing south 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, backing southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

#### Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

#### North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing easterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

#### Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, backing east 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

#### Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly south backing east later, 3 or 4.

Moderate in far west, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly east 3 or 4, backing northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough at times in west.

Fair.

Good.

#### Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming variable, then northeast later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west, becoming variable, mainly northeasterly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later in north.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time later in northwest.

Occasional drizzle later, mainly in north.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional drizzle at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming mainly moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southeast 3 or 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight, then smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate early and later in east, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north, becoming smooth or slight in east.

Occasional drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.  
Occasional rain or drizzle later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.  
Occasional drizzle at first.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in north.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in northwest.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, decreasing 4 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in northwest, then becoming moderate or rough later.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough becoming very rough for a time in south and in far north, becoming slight later in central areas.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 04 May 2016 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 04 May 2016 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
A fresh to strong southwesterly flow slowly backs southerly as a cold front approaches Shetland from the west later Wednesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8 in operation at time of issue.

Southwest 5 backing south 6.  
Moderate or rough.  
Mainly fair, occasional rain in the west.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 May until 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 May:  
Southerly 6 or 7, occasionally 5 later.  
Rough.  
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.  
Mainly good, occasionally moderate in rain.

Channel Islands  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable or southeast 1 to 3, occasionally 4, becoming easterly late afternoon.  
Mainly slight.  
Fair or fine.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East to southeast 3 to 4, backing northeast in the afternoon, perhaps locally 5 at times, veering southeast late evening.  
Mainly slight with a low swell.  
Fair or fine risk of early morning mist patches near the french coast.  
Good, perhaps locally moderate to poor early morning.

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