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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 February to 0600 UTC Friday 03 February 2023

#### General Situation

A warm front continues to cross the United Kingdom northeastwards, giving way to a strong westerly flow with gales expected in Scottish waters. Outbreaks of rain and drizzle at times, particularly along northern coastlines, whereas remaining mainly fair in the south due to a high pressure in the bay of Biscay being the dominant feature.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 to 5, veering westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in north, then veering westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far north.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north.

Occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time, then veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later near Rattray Head.

Smooth at first near shore, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7 at first near Rattray Head, otherwise westerly 3 to 5, backing southwesterly 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore and rough at first near Rattray Head.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6.

Smooth in the wash and Thames estuary, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate offshore until later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near the Isles of Scilly.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near the Isles of Scilly and smooth in shelter.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in north.

Moderate, occasionally rough later near Lands End.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End and slight later in Bristol Channel.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6.

Moderate, occasionally slight near shore.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Occasional rain or drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Rain or 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:

Westerly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 to 6.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.

Rain or drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, then decreasing 3 to 5 later.

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

Rain, then showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 5, backing southwest 5 or 6, then increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, then decreasing 3 to 5 later.  
Very rough, occasionally rough.  
Rain, then showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 3 to 5, backing southwest 5 or 6, then increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Very rough, occasionally rough.  
Rain or drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 1800 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

Atlantic fronts will move east across Shetland Waters later on Thursday

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Southwesterly gale force 8 expected later. Issued at 2146 UTC on Tue 1 Feb 2023.

Southeasterly 2 to 4 increasing 5 to 7, veering westerly 5 to 7 later in south  
Moderate or rough  
Fair then rain  
Good becoming moderate or poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb until 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7 increasing gale 8 to to severe gale 9, but southeasterly 5 to 7 at first in northeast.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in southwest  
Rain then showers  
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good

##### Channel Islands - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 3 to 5, backing southwest for a time, perhaps occasionally 6 mid-channel in the afternoon.  
Slight to moderate.  
Isolated light showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West to northwest 2 to 4, occasionally 5 at first.  
Slight to moderate, becoming smooth or slight with a low swell by early evening.  
Isolated light showers.  
Good.

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