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Ser. No. 6

Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Monday 05 February to 0600 UTC Tuesday 06 February 2018

General Situation

High pressure will give a generally slack pressure pattern today, although a strong southwesterly flow will affect northern and western Scotland, and a brisk northeasterly flow will affect the English Channel. During Tuesday, the Azores high will extend a ridge towards the British Isles, and introduce a strong and cold northwesterly flow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near Cape Wrath, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate in south, but moderate or rough in north, becoming very rough later in far northwest.

Rain or sleet for a time later, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far northwest.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, veering southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Sleet at first, then snow showers in north.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming southwest 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Wintry showers at first, sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight, becoming moderate offshore.

Sleet or snow at first, then snow showers.

Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate, becoming slight.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate later in north.
Rain or sleet for a time, snow showers later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Slight, becoming smooth for a time.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northerly 4 or 5.

Slight.

Fair at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers at first in east.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Fair at first, then occasional sleet.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first near Isles of Scilly.

Rain or sleet later in far west.

Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west, backing northwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough west of Lizard Point.

Occasional rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet later in west.

Good, becoming moderate later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west, then backing northwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

East becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming north 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7, backing northwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or sleet at first, then wintry showers.

Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

East veering south 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet at first, then snow showers.

Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain or sleet for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, veering north 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.

Wintry showers, but rain or sleet for a time.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough in far north, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally slight later in south.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southwesterly 4 or 5, then veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in North Channel.

Wintry showers, but rain or sleet for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in North Channel, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but slight in Firth of Clyde.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, veering southwest 5 or 6, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.

Fair at first, then occasional rain or sleet, snow showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 to 7.

Slight at first in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain for a time, snow showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough.

Rain for a time, snow showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Very rough, occasionally high in far west.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Monday 05 Feb 2018 at 0600 UTC until Monday 05 Feb 2018 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strengthening southwesterly airstream covers Shetland waters, with a band of rain arriving later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8 later (issued 04/0939)

Southwesterly 6 or 7, locally gale 8 later in northwest
Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters
Mainly fair
Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Monday 05 Feb until 0600 UTC on Tuesday 06 Feb:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, locally gale 8 in northwest. veering westerly 4 or 5 later in west
Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters
Fair, but rain later
Good, but moderate later

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, locally 3 to 5 guernsey southeastwards , becoming generally east to northeast 4 to 6 by early afternoon, perhaps occasionally 7, backing northerly towards dawn.
Slight to moderate in the south and east, and rather rough in the north and west of the area, becoming generally moderate later.
Scattered showers, wintry at times.
Good, locally moderate to poor, perhaps very poor, in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 6, increasing 6 to 7 during the afternoon, decreasing 5 to 6 by midnight then 3 to 4 towards dawn.
Moderate with a low swell, increasing rather rough to rough from mid-afternoon, becoming generally moderate again towards dawn.
Isolated wintry showers, becoming more frequent in the evening.
Good, locally moderate to poor or very poor in showers.

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