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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Tuesday 05 January to 1200 UTC Wednesday 06 January 2021

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure to the north of Scotland will move away southwestwards, with low pressure in southern biscay filling. Strong easterly or northeasterly winds at first in southern areas will gradually ease, before a front brings strong winds to the northwest later on Wednesday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in far northwest.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering northerly, 4 to 6, perhaps 7 later in northeast.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Occasional rain or showers, wintry later in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later in north.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming westerly 3 to 5, veering northerly 4 to 6 later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 3 to 5.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, backing northwest, 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in north.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northerly or northwesterly, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4 at times later in east.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4 at first in east, otherwise northeasterly backing northerly, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in west.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first offshore, then decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first offshore.

Occasional rain or showers, mainly in east.

Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time, then occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.  
Showers.  
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.  
Smooth at times in east, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.  
Showers.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in southwest, then decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4, then westerly 3 to 5 later in north.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.  
Showers, rain later in north.  
Good, occasionally moderate later in north.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, then decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly, becoming variable, 2 to 4, becoming westerly or northwesterly 3 to 5 later.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast, backing west or southwest, 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first in far south, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming westerly 4 or 5, then cyclonic 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth, becoming rough later in far north.

Showers, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5, then cyclonic 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwesterly 4 or 5 later in north.

Slight or moderate, but mainly smooth in shelter.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4 at first in south, otherwise southwesterly veering northerly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in shelter, then becoming rough at times.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering northerly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in south.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in central areas.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Showers later.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly, veering northerly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in south.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Tuesday 05 Jan 2021 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 06 Jan 2021 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
An area of high pressure will cover Shetland waters.

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

Variable 2 or 3, becoming westerly or southwesterly 4 in west later.  
Moderate, but slight east of Shetland.  
Mainly fair  
Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Wednesday 06 Jan until 1200 UTC on Wednesday 06 Jan:  
Southwest 4 to 6, but 2 or 3 in east at first.  
Moderate, but slight in shelter to east of Shetland. rough in far west later.  
Occasional showers  
Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in the northwest of the area, locally 3 in the southeast, becoming easterly or variable 2 to 4 guernsey southeastwards overnight.  
Slight to moderate in the southeast, moderate to rather rough in the northwest, locally rough mid-channel until midnight, becoming smooth in the south Wednesday morning.  
Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet and hail at times risk of mist or fog patches near french coasts overnight and early Wednesday morning.  
Moderate to good, locally poor, perhaps very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or variable 2 to 4 in the south of the area, northeasterly 4 to 6 in the north of the area, becoming generally north to northeast 3 to 5 overnight.  
Smooth or slight in the south, slight to moderate in the north, perhaps locally rather rough mid-channel at first.  
Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet and perhaps hail at times showers becoming isolated overnight.  
Moderate to good, locally poor.

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