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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 04 August to 0000 UTC Saturday 05 August 2023

General Situation

The United Kingdom will lie in a showery northwesterly airflow during Friday. A transient ridge of high pressure will follow from the west, bringing settled conditions briefly, before the next Atlantic low and its associated fronts spread rain and strong winds eastwards across all but the far north during Friday night and Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near Rattray Head, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly east or southeast, 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, slight or moderate elsewhere.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 2 to 4 in south and also later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Forth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming easterly or southeasterly 3 to 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in east.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southeast 3 or 4 later.

Moderate occasionally slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, backing east, then north or northeast later, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming cyclonic, then east or northeast later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in northeast, becoming variable 2 to 4.
Slight, occasionally moderate in northeast and smooth in the wash and Thames estuary.
Showers, thundery later in south.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 to 4, becoming cyclonic, then northwesterly later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in south.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.
Showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly becoming variable, 2 to 4, occasionally 5 at first in west.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Showers, thundery later in east.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 to 4, becoming southerly or southwesterly, then veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 to 5.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 3 or 4, backing south or southwest, then veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8.
Slight becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 at times later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Isles of Scilly.
Showers at first, rain later in west.

Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, increasing gale 8 for a time, then veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, backing south or southwest later, 4 to 6, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in Bristol Channel.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest, 4 to 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.

Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.

Rain then showers, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5 later.

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

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 to 5, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in west, then becoming northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in north, becoming rough for a time in south.

Rain, then thundery showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time at first in south, then backing northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far south.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing south or southwest 2 to 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable, mainly south, 2 to 4, becoming east or northeast 4 to 6, backing northwest 3 to 5 later.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Rain, mainly fair later.
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 to 4, becoming east 4 to 6, then backing northwest 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable 2 to 4 later.
Moderate at first in North Channel, otherwise smooth or slight.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 to 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly, then backing westerly later, 3 to 5.
Smooth or slight.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 2 to 4, then backing south or southeast later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in sheltered east.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or southeast 2 to 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming northwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight, occasionally smooth in east and moderate in west.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight except in north.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate in far north, smooth or slight elsewhere.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Moderate, occasionally slight in south.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 0000 UTC until Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Northwesterly flow will persist across Shetland Waters. Ridge of high pressure will build from the west later on Friday.

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

North or northwest 4 or 5

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 04 Aug until 0000 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, but 5 at first in east

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Mainly good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 5 backing west 3 to 4 by midnight.

Rather rough in the west at first, otherwise slight to moderate with a low swell.

Isolated showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 4, backing southwest to south 5 to 7 by dawn, then veering west to northwest 6 to 7 but occasionally 8 with gusts 50mph for a time from afternoon to dusk.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, becoming rather rough to rough before midday, perhaps very rough in the west and north by 1800utc.

Rain or drizzle soon, locally heavy at times clearing to isolated showers by midday.

Good, becoming moderate to locally poor at times.

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