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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 04 January to 1200 UTC Friday 05 January 2018

General Situation

A large, multi-centred area of low pressure will continue to bring very disturbed and at times very windy conditions during the next two days, especially for the south. However, a much colder northeasterly airflow will develop across northern areas on Saturday as high pressure builds to the northwest, and this will spread south by Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.
Slight or moderate in east, rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, then backing northerly 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate at first in east, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in northwest.
Showers becoming wintry.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming east or northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate becoming rough or very rough later, except in shelter.
Occasional rain, wintry showers later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, but westerly 6 to gale 8 for a time in south.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeast 5 to 7.
Moderate, occasionally rough, becoming rough or very rough later.
Showers, wintry later.
Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing south for a time, 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Rain then fair, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Showers.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 at first.

Rough or very rough.

Thundery showers later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing easterly or northeasterly later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Thundery showers later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough, but mainly high in far west.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West becoming cyclonic at times 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 or

violent storm 11 at first.
Moderate or rough at times in north and east, otherwise very rough or high.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest veering northeast later, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6.
Rough or very rough.
Thundery showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high for a time in west.
Thundery showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far south.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic, then west 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough for a time.
Showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming northeast 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 or 6, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.
Rain at first, then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northeast 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, and gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time in southeast.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southeast and in north.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later in North Channel.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northeasterly 5 or 6 later in north.
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5 at first in south, otherwise northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain or showers, wintry later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.
Slight at times in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north and in far south.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Slight at first in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough and high for a time in north.
Showers turning wintry.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.
Rough or very rough.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time.
Showers turning wintry.
Good, occasionally poor later.

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

Valid Thursday 04 Jan 2018 at 1200 UTC until Friday 05 Jan 2018 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will move east across the UK on Thursday and Friday whilst pressure builds strongly across Faeroes and Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northeasterly gale force 8 expected soon, increasing severe gale force 9 later. Issued 04 Jan at 1000 GMT

Northeasterly, 4 or 5 occasionally 3 in east, increasing 6 or 7 later in far northwest

Very rough occasionally high in northwest, otherwise moderate or rough

Mainly fair

Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 05 Jan until 1200 UTC on Friday 05 Jan:

Northeasterly 3 or 4 in east, otherwise 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later in far northwest

Very rough occasionally high in northwest, otherwise moderate or rough

Showers, some wintry.

Good occasionally moderate

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to gale 8, locally severe gale 9 guernsey northwards, backing west to southwest 5 to 7 this afternoon, increasing 6 to gale 8 this evening.

Rough to very rough, perhaps locally high until midnight.

Rain mainly in the south, locally heavy, with mist patches, dying out by mid afternoon scattered squally showers developing by evening, with a risk of hail and thunder.

Moderate to good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers, rain or mist.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 to 6 late afternoon, veering northwest 4 to 5 in the evening, becoming cyclonic variable 2 to 4 overnight, then northeast 3 to 4 in the morning.

Rough to very rough, decreasing rather rough early evening then slight to moderate overnight, with a moderate swell developing.

Scattered squally showers risk of hail and thunder.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor.

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