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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 04 May to 1800 UTC Friday 05 May 2017

#### General Situation

A large area of high pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea will maintain an easterly or northeasterly airflow across the British Isles. Low pressure in the mid Atlantic will begin to strengthen the winds in southwestern parts tomorrow morning.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

East, backing northeast for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times near Cape Wrath.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Cape Wrath and at first near Rattray Head.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasional moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast, veering east later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East, backing northeast, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, then decreasing 4 at times later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later in southwest.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Rough, becoming slight or moderate later.  
Occasional rain in southwest.  
Good, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing 7 at times later in southwest.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough at times later in southwest.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in southwest.

Occasional rain in southwest.

Good, occasionally moderate in southwest.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, becoming moderate for a time near Mull of Galloway.

Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate until later.  
Fair.  
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight, occasionally moderate until later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 04 May 2017 at 1800 UTC until Friday 05 May 2017 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
High pressure centred over the Norwegian Sea will maintain fair weather across the Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times  
Rough at first in northwest, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 05 May until 1800 UTC on Friday 05 May:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast to east 4 to 5, locally 6, increasing 5 to 6 this evening, further increasing 6 to 7 by midday Friday.

Slight to moderate, increasing moderate to rather rough overnight, becoming rather rough to rough in the north and west Friday afternoon.

Some mist patches risk of rain in the south later.

Good, locally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to northeast 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 to 6 by Saturday morning, backing northeast to north by midday, decreasing 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

Moderate in the south to rough in the north, decreasing slight to moderate Saturday afternoon.

Rain spreading in from the south overnight, locally heavy Saturday morning.

Mainly good, becoming moderate to poor in rain.

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