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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Tuesday 04 April to 0000 UTC Wednesday 05 April 2017

General Situation

The strong southerly airflow that has been affecting British waters is currently in the process of swinging round to become westerly or northwesterly as Atlantic fronts clear away eastwards. Then during Tuesday high pressure will gradually build across England and Wales, but it will remain unsettled and very windy further north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 in north. Slight or moderate throughout in south, but in north, moderate or rough becoming high or very high.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high in north until later.

Squally showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest for a time at first, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near Rattray Head, then decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 veering northwest 5 or 6, then becoming variable 3, then west 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming variable mainly northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly veering northerly or northwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight.
Fog patches at first, rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 2, then becoming northerly or
northeasterly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fog patches at first, rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in east, then becoming variable 2 at
times.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly veering northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in west.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight.
Fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly at first in east, otherwise northwesterly veering northerly, 4 or
5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.
Rain or showers then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly veering northerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Cornwall.

Rain or showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Rough at first near Cornwall, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west or northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 for a time at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 veering northwest 5 to 7, then backing west 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Rain at first in east, otherwise showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, decreasing 3 at times in southeast.
Very rough becoming rough in north, but slight or moderate throughout in east.
Showers at first in north.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough near the Mull of Kintyre.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.
Rough until later near the Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north, decreasing 4 at times in south.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Rain then showers, squally in north.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Squally showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 in south.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.
Squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far north, then decreasing 4 or 5.
Very rough at first in far south and far north, otherwise moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first in far south and far north.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times in south, then occasionally severe gale 9 later in far north.
Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high except between barra and canna.
Squally showers.
Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, then decreasing 4 or 5.
High or very high at first except between barra and canna, otherwise rough or very rough.
Showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 04 Apr 2017 at 0000 UTC until Tuesday 04 Apr 2017 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very strong and unstable westerly airflow will affect the Shetland waters during Tuesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale force 8 veering southwesterly and increasing severe gale force 9 later, issued at 0342 on Monday 3 April.

Southerly at first in east, otherwise westerly or southwesterly, 6 to gale 8. Rough or very rough, but occasionally moderate near Shetland itself, then becoming high later in west.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Tuesday 04 Apr until 0000 UTC on Wednesday 05 Apr:

Southwesterly veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in northwest.
Rough or very rough in east, otherwise very rough or high, but becoming very high in west and north.
Squally showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good in east.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 5, locally 3 in the southeast at first, veering west to northwest by dawn, then north to northeast in the afternoon, perhaps occasionally 6.
Slight to moderate, perhaps rather rough for a time.
Occasional rain and drizzle, with mist or fog patches at times.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor or very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northeast 4 to 5, perhaps locally 6 at times, decreasing 3 to 4 in the afternoon.
Slight to moderate with a moderate swell, decreasing slight with a low swell by afternoon.
A little rain or drizzle, with a risk of mist or fog patches, clearing before dawn.
Good, perhaps moderate to very poor at times before dawn.

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