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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 03 May to 0600 UTC Thursday 04 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. This will bring settled conditions for most, but weak weather fronts moving across southeastern England will keep conditions more changeable here.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Slight, occasionally moderate later near Orkney.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near Cape Wrath and in inner Moray Firth.

Slight in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4 veering northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near st andrews bay and Firth of Forth.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near st andrews bay and Firth of Forth, decreasing 3 at times in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally poor later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Moderate.

Showers, mainly in south.

Good, occasionally moderate in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in north.

Moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill  
24 hour forecast:  
Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5.  
Slight, occasionally moderate in far east.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, becoming variable 3 at times in west.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near the Isles of Scilly.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering east 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate throughout in east, but in west mainly moderate, occasionally rough later.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally variable 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally variable 3 at first in north, then increasing 6 at times.

Moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate in southwest and northwest.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

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, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then becoming variable 3 or 4

for a time.  
Slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight in Firth of Clyde, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally variable 3 at first in north, increasing 6 at times later in south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

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24 hour forecast:  
Variable mainly southeast 3 or 4 becoming east or northeast 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far south.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate in west.  
Fair.  
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable mainly southeast 3 or 4 becoming east or northeast 4 or 5.  
Slight throughout near Sutherland, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first to the west of the Outer Hebrides.  
Fair.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 03 May 2017 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 03 May 2017 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Fair weather will persist across the Shetland Waters, which will lie in a freshening east to northeasterly airflow.

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

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 except in far west and far southwest.

Slight becoming moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 03 May until 0600 UTC on Thursday 04 May:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east and north, then veering easterly 3 later in southeast.

Moderate, becoming rough in north.

Fair.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 4 jersey southwards this morning and again overnight otherwise 4 to 5, locally 6 guernsey northwards.

Slight in the south and east, moderate in the north and west, perhaps locally rather rough by midnight.

Isolated showers.

Good, locally moderate at times.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in the north of the area, generally increasing 5 to 6 by late afternoon.

Slight in the south and east, moderate to rather rough in the north and west, with a low swell.

Isolated showers, mainly Thursday morning.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

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