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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 04 February to 1800 UTC Sunday 05 February 2023

#### General Situation

A band of rain will sink southeastwards across the British Isles this evening, before high pressure will move east over England tomorrow, with strong winds in north and east easing off. Then the high will move east over Germany on Monday, with the winds strengthening in the north again.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later near Cape Wrath.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in northwest.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Occasional drizzle in northwest.

Good, occasionally moderate in northwest.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 near Rattray Head, backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in southwest.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northeast.

Fair.

Good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then west

2 to 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 2 to 4, backing southwest 3 to 5.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first and smooth later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly 4 to 6, backing northwesterly 2 to 4 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers then rain for a time, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 2 to 4 becoming variable 4 or less.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly 4 to 6, then northeasterly 2 to 4 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in east.  
Showers then rain for a time, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly veering easterly, 2 to 4.  
Smooth or slight, but moderate at first in east.  
Fair.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
West 3 or 4 veering north 4 or 5, then east 2 to 4 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers then rain for a time, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or southeast 2 to 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 3 or 4 veering northerly 2 to 4, then easterly 3 to 5, veering southeasterly 2 to 4 later.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate, but moderate or rough at first in west.  
Showers then rain for a time, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeasterly 2 to 4, occasionally 5 in west.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Lyme Bay.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
West 2 to 4, veering northeast 3 to 5, then southeast 2 to 4 later.  
Smooth or slight in east, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first in far southwest.  
Showers then rain for a time, fair later.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeast 2 to 4.  
Smooth in east, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest veering north, 4 or 5, then south or southeast 2 to 4 later.  
Slight, occasionally moderate in south and smooth in north.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southeast 3 to 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in northeast.  
Fair.  
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 2 to 4, then south or southwest 3 to 5 later.  
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 3 to 5.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 to 6, veering northeast 2 or 3, then southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate becoming smooth, then slight later.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then south 4 to 6 later.

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

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6 backing southwest 2 to 4, then south 5 to 7, veering southwest 4 to 6 later.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6 backing south 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough near northern and southern entrances.

Showers at first, occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Very rough, but rough in southeast.  
Showers at first, occasional drizzle later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8.  
Very rough, but rough in southeast.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 05 Feb 2023 at 0600 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure topples east across Shetland waters ahead of an approaching Atlantic frontal system.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale force 8 veering westerly soon (Issued 04/0351UTC)

West or northwest 5 to 7  
Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters  
Showers  
Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb until 1800 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:  
West or northwest 4 to 6 backing southwest 5 to 7  
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in well sheltered eastern waters  
Showers dying out  
Mainly good

#### Channel Islands

##### 24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 2 to 4, veering north to northeast 4 to 5 by late morning, then northeast to east 3 to 4 by late afternoon.  
Smooth locally slight, increasing mainly slight by midday a low swell throughout.  
Occasional drizzle and mist patches developing this evening, then clearing southward by late morning.  
Good, locally moderate to poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast to east 3 to 4, perhaps locally 5 at times overnight, veering east to southeast on Monday, locally decreasing 2 at times.  
Smooth to slight, with a low swell.  
Risk of mist patches near normandy coast around dawn.  
Good, perhaps locally poor around dawn.

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