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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 05 May to 0000 UTC Friday 06 May 2016

General Situation

Low pressure over the northeastern Atlantic will bring strong winds and gales for a time across northern areas, and across northwestern Scotland in particular. However high pressure out to the east will bring settled and mainly fine weather to southern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near Sutherland, veering southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north, but occasionally very rough near northwest Orkney.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north, then becoming variable.

Slight throughout in south, slight or moderate in north, but rough at first near northwest Orkney.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle or showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 2, then becoming northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times later in south.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, then backing northeasterly 2 or 3 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast backing east or northeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good, becoming moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southeasterly, backing easterly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good, becoming moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, backing northeasterly 4 or 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate later in east.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Slight, occasionally moderate in east.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Thundery showers later.
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Variable becoming east or northeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, then increasing 6 at times later near headlands.
Slight or moderate, but moderate throughout in far west.
Rain or thundery showers later.
Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, then becoming variable.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Cornwall.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming east or northeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, then becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate at first in north, otherwise slight.

Rain or drizzle at first in north, otherwise fair.

Good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later except in Liverpool Bay.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rain or drizzle at times then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or drizzle at times then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming north 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then becoming variable 3 or less later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.
Rain or drizzle at times then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming north 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near the Mull of Kintyre.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north, decreasing 4 at times in south, then becoming variable 3 later.
Moderate or rough in south, rough or very rough in north.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, increasing 4 at times, then becoming north 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, but becoming slight or moderate in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, then veering north later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first west of the Outer Hebrides.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, then veering north later.
Rough becoming moderate, occasionally slight near Sutherland.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 05 May 2016 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 05 May 2016 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Large low moving northeast between Iceland and Faeroe continues to bring a fresh to strong south to southwesterly flow over Shetland waters. Weak weather fronts affect the area and may bring a little patchy rain at times.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8 continuing.

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in the west.
Rough, increasing very rough in the west.
Mainly fair in the west, occasional rain in the east.
Good, occasionally moderate in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 May until 0000 UTC on Friday 06 May:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate later in the east.
Mainly fair, but perhaps a little patchy rain.
Mainly good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Southeast to east 3 to 4, occasionally 5, backing east to northeast for a time in the afternoon.
Smooth or slight, locally moderate in the north at times.
Fair or fine.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 to 4, perhaps 5 mid channel at first, becoming locally variable 1 to 3 near french coasts for a time in the afternoon, veering southeast by Friday evening.
Smooth or slight, with a low swell, locally moderate in the north of the area.
Fair or fine risk of a shower Friday evening.
Mainly good.

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