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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1700 UTC to 1700 UTC.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: northwesterly backing southerly 6 or 7, decreasing 4 for a time this evening and veering westerly tomorrow morning.

Weather: rain spreading from west overnight followed by showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west backing southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time around Cape Wrath and Orkney.

Weather: showers, rain later.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: northwest backing south or southwest 6 occasionally 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time overnight.

Weather: rain spreading from the west, followed by showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate, occasionally rough in north at first, decreasing slight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: slight to moderate.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: northwest backing west or southwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5 .

Weather: rain spreading from the west overnight, followed by isolated showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough at first, decreasing slight later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: showers.

Visibility: good.

Sea State: slight to moderate.

Whitby to the Wash.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: northwest backing west or southwest 6 occasionally 7 decreasing 4 or 5.

Weather: occasional rain spreading from the west overnight, followed by isolated showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: moderate occasionally rough, decreasing slight later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6.

Weather: showers with rain later.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Sea State: slight or moderate.

The Wash to North Foreland.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: west backing southwest 6 occasionally 7 decreasing 5 or 6.  
Weather: occasional rain spreading from the west overnight, followed by isolated showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate decreasing slight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: slight occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: West backing southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6 at first.  
Weather: isolated showers with occasional rain later.  
Visibility: mainly good.  
Sea State: moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, later veering northwest.  
Weather: rain or showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: West backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first around exposed headlands.  
Weather: isolated showers with occasional rain later.  
Visibility: mainly good.  
Sea State: moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, later veering northwesterly.  
Weather: rain or showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first around exposed headlands.  
Weather: isolated showers with occasional rain later.  
Visibility: mainly good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough, occasionally very rough around Isles of Scilly at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwest, backing south for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6 or 7, later veering northwest.  
Weather: rain or showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: west, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5 occasionally 6 at first around exposed headlands.  
Weather: isolated showers with occasional rain later.  
Visibility: mainly good.  
Sea State: rough becoming moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west 4 or 5 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 for a time.  
Weather: rain or showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

St Davids Head to Colwyn Bay, including St Georges Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: west 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 for a time after midnight.  
Weather: rain at times.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5 occasionally 6.  
Weather: rain or showers .  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate.

Colwyn Bay to the Mull of Galloway.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: west 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 for a time after midnight.  
Weather: rain at times.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate.

Isle of Man.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: West 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 6 or 7 for a time overnight.  
Weather: patchy rain for a time.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: west or southwest 5 occasionally 6.  
Weather: fair with showers later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7.  
Weather: rain spreading from west overnight, followed by showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate, but rough to west of Fair Head.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Wind: southwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 or 7.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate occasionally rough to west of Fair Head.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel.

24 hour forecast:

Wind: Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7.  
Weather: rain spreading from the west overnight, followed by showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 or 7.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: moderate occasionally rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: West backing south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 occasionally 7.  
Weather: rain then showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at times.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: West backing south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 around Outer Hebrides.  
Weather: rain then showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough, occasionally high around Outer Hebrides later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: southwesterly 6 to Gale 8.  
Weather: showers, rain later.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough, locally high around Outer Hebrides.

Shetland Isles.  
24 hour forecast:  
Wind: northwest backing south 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time overnight, later veering westerly 6 or 7.  
Weather: rain spreading from west overnight followed by showers.  
Visibility: moderate or good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Wind: west backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7.  
Weather: showers.  
Visibility: good.  
Sea State: rough or very rough.

Outlook for all UK Inshore Waters for following 3 days: Remaining unsettled with strong winds and gales at times in all areas. Severe gales are expected on Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday particularly in northern and western areas.

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