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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 01 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February  
2023

#### General Situation

During Wednesday night strong winds will affect most waters of the United Kingdom, with gales developing across some Scottish waters during Thursday. These gales may become severe across the northern isles on Thursday night.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing southeasterly, 4 to 6, then veering westerly 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north, becoming slight in western Moray Firth.

Occasional rain and drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, backing southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight for a time in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north.

Occasional rain and drizzle, fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West, backing southwest, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, increasing 6 or 7 later. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Rattray Head.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers for a time.

Good occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers for a time.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers for a time.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 to 6, occasionally 3 later in lyme bay.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in west.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near the Isles of Scilly.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, veering west 3 or 4 in lyme bay.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near the Isles of Scilly.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally poor in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 4 to 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally slight in shelter.  
Moderate or poor.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 4 to 6.  
Moderate, occasionally slight near great orme head.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 5 or 6.  
Moderate, occasionally slight later in shelter.  
Rain or showers then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 5 or 6.  
Moderate occasionally slight.  
Occasional rain and drizzle, mainly fair later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West, backing southwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later near Lough Foyle.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Mainly fair, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first near Lough Foyle.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.  
Mainly fair, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:  
Westerly, backing southwesterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later near Mull of Kintyre.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in the North Channel.  
Mainly fair, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first near Mull of Kintyre.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near the Mull of Kintyre.  
Mainly fair, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.  
Occasional rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.  
Occasional rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Slight at first in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far south.  
Occasional rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far south, becoming slight for a time near skye.  
Rain and drizzle, showers for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain and drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Cape Wrath, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.

Rain and drizzle, showers for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 01 Feb 2023 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Ridge of high pressure building from the west for a time, then Atlantic front reaching the area Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly violent storm force 11 veering Northwesterly and decreasing severe gale force 9 soon, then decreasing gale force 8 later (issued 31/2156 UTC)

Northwest 4 to 6, backing south or southeast 2 to 4 later

Rough, occasionally very rough at first, but slight or moderate in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers at first

Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb until 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb:

Southerly or southeasterly 2 to 4, increasing 5 to 7, then veering southwest later in southwest

Moderate or rough, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Occasional rain, heavier later

Good occasionally moderate and later poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 3 to 5, locally 6 mid channel at first this evening.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the west and north of the area at first tonight.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 to 5.

Slight to moderate, occasionally smooth in the south and east with a low swell developing in the west later.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

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