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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 July to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 July 2018

#### General Situation

A weak cold front will move southeastwards across northern areas during Wednesday night and Thursday, introducing fresher conditions here. Further south it will remain very warm with mainly light breezes.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 4 becoming westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, then becoming variable 3 later in south.

Slight or moderate to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly smooth or slight, but occasionally moderate later near Rattray Head.

Thundery showers and fog patches at first, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 at first in north, otherwise variable 3 or 4, occasionally 2 later.

Moderate to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 for a time, occasionally 6 for a time near Rattray Head.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later near Rattray Head.

Drizzle for a time later in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, but mainly northeast at first, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, but becoming north 4 or 5 for a time later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, but mainly northeast at first, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Slight, occasionally smooth.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, but mainly northeast at first, 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Slight, occasionally smooth at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

#### Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

##### 24 hour forecast:

Easterly becoming variable 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, mainly in south, perhaps thundery later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming easterly or northeasterly, 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Thundery showers, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

#### North Foreland to Selsey Bill

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 2 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, perhaps thundery later, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Thundery showers at first, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

#### Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming west or southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers at first, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering north for a time, 3 or 4, decreasing 1 or 2 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

#### Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southeast becoming variable 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Smooth or slight in east, slight throughout in west.

Showers at first, fog patches until later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor until later.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, but mainly northerly or northwesterly in west, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Smooth or slight in east, slight throughout in west.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

#### Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming west or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in Bristol Channel.

Slight, occasionally moderate later in Bristol Channel.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest becoming variable, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in Bristol Channel, then decreasing 2 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first in Bristol Channel.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming north 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 2 or 3, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in North Channel.

Smooth or slight at first in east, otherwise slight or moderate.

Drizzle for a time.

Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5 at first in North Channel, otherwise variable becoming southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, occasionally smooth at first, then becoming moderate at times in North Channel.

Drizzle for a time.

Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5 decreasing 2 or 3, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate at first in North Channel, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest becoming variable mainly south, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southwest becoming west or northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 for a time.

Slight.

Drizzle for a time at first.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southwesterly 3 or 4 becoming westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, then decreasing 3 later in south.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle for a time at first.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate throughout in north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Jul 2018 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 Jul 2018 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

High pressure across Shetland initially, then weakening front crossing from west early Thursday, with a ridge following from southwest mid-Thursday.

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

Variable 3 or less becoming westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west

Slight or moderate, but smooth in eastern waters

Occasional mist and risk of fog patches initially, then patchy rain later

Moderate or good, occasionally poor or very poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Jul until 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Jul:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first in east, veering

westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far west

Occasional mist and risk of fog patches and patchy rain at first, then becoming fair from west

Moderate or good, occasionally poor or very poor at first

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Variable 1 to 3, perhaps locally northerly 3 to 4 near the normandy coast

Thursday afternoon.

Smooth or slight.

Isolated showers, mainly near french coast this evening some mist or fog patches, mainly in north of area.

Moderate to good, poor to very poor in mist or fog.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or variable 2 to 3, locally 4 in the east of the area until midnight.

Smooth or slight.

Mist or fog patches, mostly clearing during Friday morning.

Moderate to good, but poor to very poor in mist or fog.

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