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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 03 February to 1200 UTC Saturday 04 February 2023

General Situation

Two bands of rain will move east or southeast across the British Isles with a ridge of high pressure building for a time in between. Then a high pressure will move east over Irish Sea on Sunday. Strong winds will affect the north and later in the east.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing south or southwest, 3 to 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.

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

Rain, showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west, 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.

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

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in northeast.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6 veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in southwest.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 2 to 4 later.

Slight, becoming mainly moderate later.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing southwest later.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 to 6, then north 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later offshore.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northeast.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 3 or 4, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4 backing southwesterly 2 to 4, veering northerly 4 to 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, decreasing 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 2 to 4, veering north 4 or 5, then northeast 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in west, occasionally rough at first in far west.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west, 2 to 4, then east or northeast 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough in west, elsewhere smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in south.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far southwest and smooth later in east.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northeast, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 near st david's head, veering east or southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in east, elsewhere moderate, occasionally rough in far southwest.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 offshore, veering southeast 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain or drizzle then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest, 3 to 5, then southeast 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, then southeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough in northwest, elsewhere slight, occasionally moderate later.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then south 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north, becoming smooth in south.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 to 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel and smooth at first in Firth of Clyde.

Rain or drizzle then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.

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

Rain or drizzle, showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west, 5 to 7, then northwest 4 or 5, backing south 4 to 6 later.

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

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later, then veering west later.

Slight or moderate, but rough near the north and south entrances.

Rain or drizzle, showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 or 7 veering northwest 4 to 6, backing southwest later.

Slight or moderate, but rough near the north and south entrances.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later, then veering west later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or drizzle, showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 or 7 veering northwest 4 to 6, backing southwest later.

Very rough, but rough in southeast.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure over Shetland Waters will decline as a warm front moves east over the area on Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Northwesterly storm force 10 now increased violent storm force 11. Issued 0308UTC on Fri 3 February 2023.

Northwest 4 to 6 becoming variable 2 or 3, then south 5 or 6 later

Rough or very rough, but moderate in waters east of Shetland

Fair then rain or drizzle

Good, becoming mainly moderate or poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in west

Rough or very rough, but moderate in waters east of Shetland

Rain at times

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 2 to 4, occasionally variable 1 to 2 after midnight.

Slight to moderate, decreasing smooth to slight by midnight, with a low swell.

Occasional light showers, mainly in the south of the area a brief spell of drizzle and mist towards dawn tomorrow.

Good, locally moderate or poor at times.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly 3 to 5 overnight, then northeast on Sunday morning.

Smooth to slight, with a low swell.

Risk of isolated light showers until dawn.

Good, perhaps locally moderate at times.

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