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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 03 February to 0600 UTC Sunday 04 February  
2018

#### General Situation

A slow moving occlusion lying north-south down the country will weaken, then will be pushed back westwards, particularly in the south as high pressure builds strongly over Scandinavia. A strong, cold northeasterly airflow will develop across the south.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southerly becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.

Showers at first.

Mainly good.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming east 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southeast veering south later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeast 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight at first in south, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming moderate later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly becoming variable 3 or 4, then northeasterly 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in east.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northeast later, 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 at first in east, otherwise northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, veering northeasterly later.

Rough or very rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.

Showers at first.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming north or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, veering northeast later.

Slight or moderate in far east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in southwest.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight at times in east, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in southwest.

Showers at first.

Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, veering northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly, then northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west, veering northeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate at first in south and west, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers at first.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, veering northerly or northwesterly, then northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 for a time in west.

Slight becoming mainly moderate.

Rain at first.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, veering easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering north 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate early and later in east, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northeast veering southeast, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in east, moderate or rough in north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in North Channel, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time in North Channel.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northeasterly veering southeasterly, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering north later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, veering south 3 or 4, then increasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, decreasing 3 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far north and in far south.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly becoming variable 3 or 4, then southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Rough in far north and in far south, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming smooth for a time in central areas.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, decreasing 3 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly becoming variable 3 or 4, then southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

Valid Saturday 03 Feb 2018 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 03 Feb 2018 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Atlantic front will become slow moving across Shetland waters by the end of Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue

Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 in the east but veering southerly 3 in the west.

Moderate or rough

Showers later

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 03 Feb until 0600 UTC on Sunday 04 Feb:

South or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 6 in east at first.

Rough but moderate in sheltered eastern waters

Showers

Moderate or good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to north 4 to 5, decreasing 2 to 4 this evening, backing southwest to south by morning, locally northwest to north 5 to 7 in the west of the area by noon, perhaps locally gale 8, and variable 2 to 4 in the east.

Slight to moderate, decreasing slight overnight, then rather rough to rough in the west by evening.

Risk of a shower at first this evening rain spreading in from the west by morning.

Good or very good, occasionally moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northeast 5 to 6, perhaps 7, locally easterly 3 to 4 in the east and south of the area, becoming generally northeast 4 to 6 by midnight, increasing 5 to 6 overnight, occasionally 7.

Rather rough to rough, locally slight to moderate in the east at first.

Occasional rain, turning to fair periods and showers around midnight.

Moderate to poor in rain, becoming good, except in showers.

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