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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 04 August to 1200 UTC Saturday 05 August 2023

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will move eastwards today, allowing an Atlantic low to move into southwestern waters tonight. This will bring another bout of unseasonably wet and windy weather to southern parts on Saturday as it transfers eastwards towards the Netherlands. A slacker, showery flow in the north, will then spread southwards during Sunday, as the low moves away.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers, but rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing north, becoming variable later, 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers at first.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest becoming variable 2 to 4, then becoming northeast 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3, then east 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 4 or 5, backing north 5 to 7.
Moderate, occasionally slight at first.
Rain at times, showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly becoming variable 2 to 4, then southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in northeast.

Thundery showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly becoming cyclonic 4 to 6, then northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in east.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, backing southerly 5 to 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Thundery showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly veering northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later in west.

Rain or thundery showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight later.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 3 to 5, then veering west 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, but moderate or rough later, becoming very rough later in far west.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 or 6, then backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far west, becoming slight or

moderate later.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, backing southwest 4 to 6, then veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later in west.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south 3 to 5, then becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far southwest.

Fair at first, then rain or showers, perhaps thundery showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 6 to gale 8, becoming northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far southwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4, then backing northeast 4 to 6 later.

Moderate at first in south, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair at first, then rain at times.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4, then backing west later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain at first, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4, then backing northeast 4 to 6 later.

Slight.

Fair at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly 3 to 5 later, occasionally 6 later in far southeast.

Smooth or slight.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming mainly east for a time, 2 to 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Showers, but rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming west or northwest, 2 to 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, but rain for a time in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, but rain for a time in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 at first.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 05 Aug 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Northwesterly flow across Shetland Waters will soon ease as a ridge of high pressure builds from the west with a slack flow developing on Saturday.

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

Northwesterly 4 or 5, later decreasing 3 in the west.
Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug until 1200 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug:

North or northwesterly 3 or 4, later becoming variable 3 or less in west.
Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, backing west by midnight, further backing southwest 4 to 6 by dawn, increasing 6 to 7 by mid-morning veering west later.
Slight with a low swell, increasing moderate in the northwest around dawn and generally rather rough to rough later.
Rain or drizzle spreading east after midnight, perhaps locally heavy, clearing in the west of the area later.
Good, becoming moderate later, perhaps locally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to 7, veering northwest 7 to gale 8 with gusts 55kt, decreasing 6 to 7 by dusk and 5 to 6 overnight, backing west to northwest 4 later.
Rather rough to rough, increasing rough to very rough for a time, becoming slight to moderate with a low swell around dawn.
Rain and drizzle in the east of the area, soon clearing isolated showers after midnight.
Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor at first.

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