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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will continue to affect the United Kingdom.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

North backing northwest, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly in south at first, otherwise northerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Rain or wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming variable then northeast, 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5.

Showers, rain or snow later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest, 5 to 7.

Rain or snow, then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Slight becoming moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 3 or 4, backing east 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic later.

Fair then rain or snow.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic then northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Occasional rain or snow.

Moderate or poor.

Slight becoming moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast, veering south later, 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or poor.

Slight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, veering south 4 or 5.

Rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering north or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly in east at first, otherwise northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 4, then northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in far west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate in east, rough in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7, backing northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5 in east, but 6 or 7 in west, perhaps gale 8 in far southwest.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, backing northerly 5 to 7.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Slight, but moderate in west.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, backing north 5 or 6.

Showers.

Good.

Slight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Slight or moderate.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East backing north, 2 or 3, increasing 5 or 6.

Mainly fair, then showers.

Good, but moderate in showers.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Showers then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Slight or moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 6 to gale 8 in northwest this evening, and northerly 5 to 7 elsewhere during Thursday.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Squally wintry showers.

Good.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in northwest.

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

24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7.
Rain or sleet, showers later.
Moderate or good.
Slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 5 to 7.
Wintry showers.
Good.
Slight or moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 6 to gale 8, but variable 3 or 4 in south at first.
Rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or good.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 5 to 7.
Wintry showers.
Good.
Slight or moderate, but rough in west.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time later.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good.
Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 6 to gale 8.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.
Rough or very rough.

Shetland Isles
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good.
Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming northerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.
Rough or very rough.

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