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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 01 January to 1800 UTC Thursday 02 January
2020

General Situation

A moist southwesterly airflow covers the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later
near Cape Wrath, then veering west later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, but rough or very rough in northwest,
perhaps high west of Orkney.

Rain later in northwest.

Good, occasionally poor later in northwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Rain then showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers, wintry later in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in
north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 to 6, perhaps 7 later towards Whitby.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair, misty at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair, misty at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly later 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, but rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 2 or 3, veering southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering westerly later 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair, but rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, increasing 5 or 6, perhaps 7 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Occasional drizzle and mist, mainly at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Occasional rain then mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Occasional drizzle and mist.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time.
Occasional rain then mainly fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering north or northwest 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain then mainly fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 3 to 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Liverpool Bay.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in northwest.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 to 6.
Moderate, occasionally rough or very rough in northwest.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor for a time.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7.

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

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7, increasing 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north, veering westerly or northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first in north.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time then veering west later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough, perhaps high west of western isles.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high for a time.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

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

Valid Wednesday 01 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low complex in Norwegian Sea keeping gale to severe gale west to southwesterly flow across the area.

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

Southwesterly severe gale force 9 continuing issued as 11:05 UTC on Wed 1 Jan

2020

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in northwest
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest, but moderate in well-sheltered eastern waters
Mainly fair
Good occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan until 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan:
Southwesterly veering westerly later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in northwest
Very rough or high, occasionally moderate or rough in well-sheltered eastern waters
Occasional rain, perhaps heavy later
Moderate or good, perhaps poor later

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, 1 to 3, veering southwesterly 3 to 5 by dawn tomorrow, increasing 4 to 6 by midday, locally 7 mid-channel by evening.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate to rather rough with a low swell in the northwest tomorrow morning, locally rough later.
Drizzle with mist and a risk of fog patches, mostly clearing overnight further rain or drizzle in the west towards evening.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor, perhaps very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 4 to 5 by dawn Friday, then northwesterly later.
Slight to moderate with a low swell in the southeast, rather rough to rough in the northwest, becoming generally slight to moderate with a moderate swell later.
Rain, drizzle and mist patches, clearing early afternoon.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

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