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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Sunday 03 May to 1800 UTC Monday 04 May 2020

General Situation

High pressure south of Iceland will edge slowly eastwards towards Scotland, where it will become slow moving. Meanwhile, weak fronts will affect the south. However, as low pressure deepens to the southwest of the United Kingdom, easterly winds will increase significant across the south for later Monday and during Tuesday with fronts becoming far more active.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate in northwest, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5 in north.

Slight or moderate in north, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time in south.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate for a time in south.

Showers, rain for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northeasterly veering southerly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate for a time.

Showers, occasional rain for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering east 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers, occasional rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeast 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

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

Showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east 5 or 6 later.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches until later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in lyme bay.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches until later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a time in west, veering southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Main fair then thundery rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northeasterly 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight in Bristol Channel, otherwise moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches until later in southwest.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor until later in southwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, veering easterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in southwest, veering southeasterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, except in Bristol Channel.
Mainly fair then thundery rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth at times in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering east 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in south, becoming smooth at times later in shelter.

Occasional rain later in south.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northeast later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering east 5 to 7.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly veering easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, then veering northeasterly later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, veering easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in southeast.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, then veering northeasterly later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, veering easterly 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly veering easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Smooth in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

Valid Sunday 03 May 2020 at 1800 UTC until Monday 04 May 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Ridge extending from west combining with a low across Scandinavia maintains a north to northwest flow

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

North or northwest 3 to 5, perhaps variable for a time
Slight or moderate
Showers
Good occasionally moderate

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Monday 04 May until 1800 UTC on Monday 04 May:

Northerly or northwesterly 2 to 4, occasionally 5 in east at first, backing westerly in northwest later.
Slight or moderate
Showers at first
Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 2 to 4, locally northwesterly in the south of the area, becoming variable 1 to 3 by midnight, then northeast 2 to 4 by late morning and becoming east to northeast 4 to 5 by mid-afternoon, locally 6 by early evening.
Slight with a low swell, locally smooth till midday, increasing mostly moderate by early evening.
Mist and fog patches become extensive by midnight with some drizzle, mostly clearing by noon.
Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor till midday, improving moderate to good after midday.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to northeast 4 to 6 increasing 5 to 7 by midnight, becoming easterly 4 to 5 by noon but occasionally 6 in north, then decreasing 3 to 5 by late afternoon.
Moderate with a low swell, increasing rather rough to rough by midnight, then decreasing slight to moderate in south by midday, and to moderate to rather rough in the north by early evening.
Rain spreading north during evening and night, locally heavy and perhaps thundery with mist, clearing to isolated showers by midday.
Moderate to good, becoming poor at times from late evening.

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