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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 01 February to 1800 UTC Friday 02 February  
2018

#### General Situation

Low pressure near Denmark will gradually sink southeastwards and fill, but will maintain the very strong northerly or northwesterly airflow into tonight. Thereafter, winds will ease during Friday as a ridge of high pressure moves eastwards ahead of an Atlantic weather front that will stagger eastwards into northern and western areas on Saturday.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later. High at first in north, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly south 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then rough or very rough later in north.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate near firths of Forth and Tay, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers then occasional rain.

Mainly good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering north for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain or showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering north 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North backing west 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, veering northerly 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly 5 or 6, backing westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.  
Showers.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 5 to 7, veering northerly 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.  
Showers, mainly in east.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly 5 or 6, backing westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers in far east.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 5 to 7, veering north 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North 4 or 5, backing west 3 or 4, then becoming variable.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.  
Rough or very rough in far west, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, then veering northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later in west.  
Moderate or rough in far west, otherwise smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.  
Showers at first, occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in southwest, becoming slight or moderate later.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.  
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.  
Showers at first, occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4, then veering north or northwest 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight for a time, then moderate or rough later.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then smooth or slight later.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing southwest for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later in west and south.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6, then 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight later.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west or southwest for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.  
Rain for a time, showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west 3 or 4 later.  
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough, then slight or moderate in north and smooth or slight in east.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing south 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 to 7.

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

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in North Channel, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing westerly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel, becoming slight or moderate, then smooth or slight later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southerly 3 or 4, then veering northwesterly 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate, then moderate or rough later.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

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

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south 5 or 6, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, then rough or very rough later.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north, becoming moderate or rough, then smooth or slight later south of skye.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight for a time south of skye, otherwise moderate or rough, and very rough later in far north and in far south.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later.

High becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later.  
Rain for a time, showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 01 Feb 2018 at 1800 UTC until Friday 02 Feb 2018 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

The strong, showery northerly airstream eases through Friday as a ridge of high pressure topples east toward Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 later (issued 31/2147)

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first  
High at first in west, otherwise rough or very rough  
Squally showers  
Mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 02 Feb until 1800 UTC on Friday 02 Feb:

Northerly 6 or 7 veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later in west  
Very rough at first in west, otherwise rough  
Showers dying out  
Mainly good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to north, 5 to 6 with gusts to 35kt, occasionally f7, decreasing 4 to 5 during Friday afternoon.  
Rather rough, occasionally rough in the south and west, decreasing mainly moderate Friday afternoon.  
Isolated rain or hail showers, mainly in the south.  
Good or very good, occasionally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 4 to 5, decreasing 2 to 4 in the evening, backing west overnight, becoming variable Saturday morning.  
Slight to moderate, with a low swell.  
Isolated showers, dying out by midnight outbreaks of rain spreading from the west before dawn.  
Very good, locally moderate in showers, becoming moderate to good on Saturday, locally poor.

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