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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 03 February to 1800 UTC Saturday 04 February  
2017

#### General Situation

Low pressure will maintain very unsettled and at times windy conditions across the United Kingdom during the next couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast for a time, 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later around Orkney.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in shelter.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south, then becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough in northeast.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7 veering south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly south or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers later.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, then smooth or slight later.  
Occasional rain, fair for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then mainly southerly later, 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight.  
Rain then showers.  
Mainly good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 or 6, veering westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing  
4 or 5, becoming cyclonic, then variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain, fair for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, then veering  
northwesterly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then showers.  
Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming west 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5, then becoming  
variable 3 or 4, then north 4 or 5, then backing south 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northwest 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly west or southwest backing south for a time later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7  
at first and again later, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, except in far west.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west, then north or northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for  
a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in southwest.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming west, then backing south later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming west or southwest, backing south later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and in west.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north and in west.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 or 7, veering west 5 or 6, backing south or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then fair, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, backing south or southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming southwest, then backing south later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southeast.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in southeast.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming southwesterly, then backing southerly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South veering southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in southeast.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic, mainly easterly for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south, becoming slight for a time in central areas.  
Showers, then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, backing south 4 or 5.  
Slight at times in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic, mainly easterly for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, backing south 4 or 5.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Friday 03 Feb 2017 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2017 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

The strong southerly airflow will back southeasterly

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 imminent, then backing southeasterly soon. (issued 03/1548 UTC).

South backing southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:  
Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing southerly 4 to 5, locally 6 by midnight, becoming northerly by dawn, backing west 3 to 4 by midday, then southerly in the afternoon 5 to 6, locally 7 later.  
Rough to very rough, decreasing moderate to rather rough overnight.  
Scattered showers with a risk of thunder, then rain after midnight, locally heavy, clearing in the morning further showers later.  
Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 6, locally 7, veering southwest and decreasing 2 to 4 overnight, becoming east to northeast by morning, backing northwest by afternoon and increasing 4 to 6.  
Moderate to rather rough with a swell, decreasing slight to moderate for a time.  
Showers becoming isolated overnight risk of rain in the south in the morning.  
Good, locally moderate to poor in showers and in any rain.

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