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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 05 May to 0600 UTC Friday 06 May 2016

#### General Situation

Low pressure over the northeastern Atlantic will bring strong to gale force winds for a time across northern areas, and across northwestern Scotland today in particular. However conditions will be settled and less windy across southern and eastern parts.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near Sutherland, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north, but occasionally very rough near northwest Orkney.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest becoming variable then northeast, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 for a time.

Slight or moderate in north, slight throughout in south.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle or showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming north or northeast, 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly southeast 3 or 4, becoming north or northeast 2 or 3 later.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South backing southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, backing north or northeast 2 or 3 later.

Slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly backing easterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Good, becoming moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly backing easterly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Slight, occasionally moderate near headlands.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Slight, occasionally moderate near headlands.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4 backing north or northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering east 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate, but moderate throughout in far west.

Rain or thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast becoming variable, then northeast later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Cornwall.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or thundery showers later.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north, then becoming variable, then northeasterly later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Rain or thundery showers later.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming northeast 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate at first in north, otherwise slight.  
Rain or drizzle at first in north, fog patches developing in north.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later except in Liverpool Bay.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming north or northeast 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain or drizzle at first, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, then becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.  
Showers at first, fog patches developing in southeast.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in southeast.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 2 or 3 becoming north 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in east.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming north or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming north or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first west of the Outer Hebrides, becoming moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate near Sutherland, otherwise moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

Valid Thursday 05 May 2016 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 05 May 2016 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

Low moving northeast between Iceland and the Faeroe Islands brings a fresh to strong south to southwesterly flow over Shetland waters. Weak weather fronts affect the area and may bring a little patchy rain at times.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly severe gale force 9 at time of issue.

Southerly veering southwesterly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 in the west.

Rough or very rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 May until 0600 UTC on Friday 06 May:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate in the east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

#### Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Southeast to east 3 to 4, locally 5 at times, backing east to northeast for a time in the afternoon and early evening.

Smooth or slight, locally moderate in the north and west at times.

Fair or fine.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 to 4, backing east to northeast in the afternoon, locally variable 1 to 3 near french coasts for a time, becoming east to southeast overnight.

Smooth or slight, with a low swell, locally moderate in the north and west of the area.

Fair or fine risk of thundery showers from Friday evening.

Mainly good.

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