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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 03 January to 1800 UTC Saturday 04 January 2020

General Situation

The west to northwesterly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will gradually back southwesterly during the next day or two.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Very rough or high to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Squally showers, wintry in north, then rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time.

Rough or very rough to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first, then becoming variable 3 for a time later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Fair then rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly later, 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, backing southwesterly later, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west, 3 to 5.

Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing southwest later, 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west, then southwest later, 3 to 5.

Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate throughout in west.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly, then southwesterly later, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 for a time in north.

Rough becoming moderate in west, slight or moderate in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in east, increasing 6 at times later in west.
Moderate, occasionally slight at first in east.
Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough in south, slight or moderate in north.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later in north.
Moderate or rough in south, slight or moderate in north.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Moderate, occasionally slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, decreasing 3 at times in Liverpool Bay.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east.
Moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east and north.
Moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in north.
Rough until later in far north, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.
Moderate or rough in far north, but elsewhere slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 to 7 backing southwesterly 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough until later near the Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or

moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 to 6.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 to 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough near Tiree.
Showers then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north, but becoming slight or moderate in central areas.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Slight or moderate at first in central areas, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 4 to 6.
Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, wintry and squally at first in north, then rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, then decreasing 4 for a time later in north.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea moving away with the strong cold northwesterly airstream gradually easing, but a warm front will approach from the west during Saturday

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

severe gale force 9 continuing, issued at 03:45 UTC on Friday 3 Jan 2020

Northwest gale 8 or severe gale 9 decreasing 5 to 7.

High, occasionally very rough in southeast, but rough just east of Shetland.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan:

Northwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 3, then south or southeast 4 to 6 later.

High in north and west at first, otherwise rough or very rough.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, locally 5 at first, backing west or northwest by mid morning tomorrow, locally 5 mid-channel later.

Slight, locally moderate this evening and again tomorrow afternoon, with a moderate swell decreasing to a low swell overnight.

Isolated light showers.

Good, perhaps moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, perhaps locally 5 mid-channel, backing southwesterly by dawn Sunday, then southerly by evening.

Slight, occasionally moderate mid-channel, with a low swell.

Isolated light showers, gradually dying out.

Good, perhaps moderate in showers.

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