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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 01 April to 1200 UTC Thursday 02 April 2020

General Situation

A strong but declining area of high pressure centred west of the United Kingdom will continue to extend a ridge eastwards across many areas, but slowly move southwards. Low pressure moving into the Norwegian Sea will bring strong winds to northern United Kingdom with gales or severe gales in northern Scotland.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

In northwest, rough or very rough occasionally high later, in southeast, slight or moderate occasionally rough or very rough later.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 to 6, then becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Mainly slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in northwest.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 to 6, veering northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later near Rattray Head.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later near Rattray Head.

Rain or showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first near Rattray Head, decreasing 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in east, very rough at first near Rattray Head.

Showers, becoming wintry.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, becoming wintry.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly west 2 to 4, becoming west or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 4 to 6, decreasing 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, rough for a time in north.

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in far north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northeast.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

In south, smooth or slight, in north slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northwesterly 2 to 4, then backing southwesterly later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, veering northwesterly 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west or north west 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly veering northwesterly, 3 to 5, occasionally variable 2 to 4 for a time in east.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly, 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Showers.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing westerly, 3 to 5, occasionally variable 2 to 4 in east.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near Lands End.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later near Anglesey.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later near Anglesey.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 4 to 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 to 6, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in north, backing westerly 4 to 6, increasing 7 at times later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south, becoming rough later in far north.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight at times in south, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north.
Showers, wintry later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly to northwesterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Mull of Kintyre.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Rough for a time near Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Showers, wintry later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.
Rain or showers, wintry later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west, occasionally smooth later in east.
Showers, becoming wintry.
Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in north.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale at first 9 in north, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in north.
Rough or very rough, becoming high later in north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale at first 9 in north, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 01 Apr 2020 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 02 Apr 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure forming in Norwegian Sea during Wednesday will drift southeastwards into Norway on Thursday. A very strong cold west or northwesterly airflow becoming established over Shetland Waters

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly gale force 8, increasing severe gale 9 later. Issued at 03:43 (UTC) on Wed 01 April 2020

West or northwest 6 to gale 8

Rough or very rough, but moderate in sheltered waters east of Shetland.

Mainly fair, showers later.

Mainly good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 02 Apr until 1200 UTC on Thursday 02 Apr:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Very rough or high, but moderate or rough in sheltered waters east of Shetland.

Squally wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 to 5, perhaps locally 6 at first, occasionally variable 1 to 3 during the evening, backing northerly 2 to 4 overnight.

Slight to moderate, decreasing smooth to slight through the day.

Risk of light showers overnight.

Good, perhaps locally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 2 to 4, backing northwesterly 4 to 5 from late morning, decreasing 2 to 3 later.

Mainly slight, perhaps moderate in the north during the afternoon, occasionally smooth later.

Isolated light showers at times.

Good, perhaps locally moderate.

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