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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 03 February to 0600 UTC Saturday 04 February  
2017

#### General Situation

Deep areas of low pressure will continue to affect the United Kingdom during the next few days, bringing strong winds and rain at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing southeast 4 or 5 later, then increasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering south or southwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming very rough for a time.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing east or southeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near Rattray Head.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South, backing east or southeast, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight for a time.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest, 5 to 7, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, then occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight or rough.  
Rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 later, perhaps storm 10 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough for a time later.  
Rain or showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable, mainly northwesterly later, 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8, veering southwesterly gale 8 to storm 10 later, then backing south 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate at first near North Foreland, otherwise rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, backing southeast 6 to gale 8, then veering southwest gale 8 to storm 10, then backing south 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering northwest for a time, 4 or 5.  
Moderate.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South, becoming cyclonic, then becoming west, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, then veering northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic, then becoming west, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, then decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers later.  
Good occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 5 to 7, backing southeast 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first mainly in south.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest, backing south, 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.  
Showers later.  
Good occasionally poor later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South, backing east or southeast, then veering west or southwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Showers then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South, backing east or southeast, then veering west or southwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers later.  
Good occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, backing south or southeast 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first, then becoming slight at times later.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic, becoming west or southwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming southwesterly, 5 to 7, backing southerly 5 or 6 later, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later, occasionally 7 later in south.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in west, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming west, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, then backing south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 to severe gale 9, backing east or southeast 5 or 6, then veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming south 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 to severe gale 9, backing east or southeast 5 or 6, then veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming south 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very strong southeasterly flow will persist.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 soon, then veering southerly later (issued 02/1554 UTC).

South or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South or southeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southeast 6 to 7, increasing 7 to gale 8 this morning, veering westerly around mid-afternoon and increasing gale 8 to severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt for a time, perhaps storm 10, backing southerly 4 to 6 this evening, then northeasterly by dawn.

Rather rough to rough in the south, rough to very rough in the north, becoming mainly rough to very rough this afternoon, perhaps locally high, decreasing moderate to rather rough overnight.

Occasional rain, locally heavy at times, clearing this evening to isolated showers further rain after midnight.

Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to north 4 to 6, backing northwest by midday, perhaps locally 7, further backing southerly by evening, veering west 4 to 5 overnight.

Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight to moderate overnight, with a low swell.

Rain locally heavy, clearing by early afternoon showers developing by evening.

Moderate to poor in rain or showers, occasionally good.

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