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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 February to 0600 UTC Friday 03 February  
2017

#### General Situation

A deep Atlantic low will move northwards to the west of Ireland today, followed by another deep low tracking northeastwards across the south of the British Isles later on Friday. This will keep the weather very windy and unsettled across most parts.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near Orkney and Rattray Head.  
Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south 5 or 6, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Very rough at first near Orkney and Rattray Head, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Showers.

Moderate or good.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, veering south 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate becoming rough, then very rough later in north.  
Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south later, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, backing southeast 4 or 5, then increasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough later near Whitby.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South backing southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.  
Rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 5 to 7, then veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later in east.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, veering southerly 5 or 6, then veering southwesterly 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southeasterly 5 to 7, then veering southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 for a time later.

Rough or very rough.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain at first, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8, then veering southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 for a time later.

Rough or very rough.

Fair at first, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, becoming high in west.

Rain at first, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, then becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

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

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough in Bristol Channel, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high in far west.

Rain at first, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, then west or southwest 5 or 6 later.

High at first in far west, otherwise rough or very rough, but moderate or rough in Bristol Channel.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale force 9 for a time in west.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west, occasionally high later in far southwest.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, then westerly 5 to 7 later. Very rough at first in west, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, veering south 6 to gale 8, then veering southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate in Liverpool Bay, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, backing southeast 5 or 6, then backing west or northwest later.

Rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 or 7, veering south 7 or gale 8, then veering southwest 6 or 7 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 or 7, backing southeast 5 or 6, then backing west or northwest later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers at first, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south 7 to severe gale 9, then veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in southeast.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6 or 7, backing east or southeast 4 or 5, then backing west or northwest later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers at first, then rain at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south 7 to severe gale 9, then veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in North Channel.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8, backing east or southeast 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Firth of Clyde.  
Showers at first, then rain at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in northwest.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing south 5 to 7, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Rough or very rough in northwest, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Showers, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, backing southeast 6 to gale 8, then veering south 7 to severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 6 to gale 8, then backing southeast 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in southwest.  
Showers, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, backing southeast 6 to gale 8, then veering south 7 to severe gale 9 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Very rough or high, becoming rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2017 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2017 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong southeasterly flow dominates throughout.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale force 8 expected later (issued 01/1544 UTC).

Southeast 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb until 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

Southeast 7 or gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southeast 6 to 7, locally gale 8 in the north, veering southwest by evening, decreasing 5 in the south, generally backing south 5 to 6 towards dawn. Moderate to rather rough in the south, rough in the north, locally very rough by evening.

Mist patches and occasional rain, locally heavy, clearing by late morning scattered showers by late afternoon.

Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast to south 5 to 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 by midday, veering westerly later in the afternoon, perhaps locally storm 10 with gusts to 65kt, decreasing 6 to gale 8 before midnight, backing southwest to south 4 to 5 before dawn.

Moderate to rather rough with swell, increasing rough to very rough in the afternoon, slowly decreasing overnight.

Isolated showers until early morning outbreaks of rain spreading in from the southwest by dawn, locally heavy, clearing Friday evening.

Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

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