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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 03 February to 1800 UTC Saturday 04 February 2023

General Situation

Two bands of rain will move east or southeast across the British Isles with a ridge of high pressure building for a time in between. Then a high pressure will move east over Irish Sea on Sunday. Strong winds will affect the north and for a time later in the east.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 to 5, veering south then west later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough, occasionally very rough later, in northwest.

Rain then showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering west 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in northeast.

Rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 6 veering northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in southwest.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Slight becoming moderate occasionally rough.
Rain then showers, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in northeast.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 3 or 4, veering northwesterly 4 to 6, then northerly 2 to 4 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northeast.
Rain then showers, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Westerly veering northwesterly, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in southeast.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing westerly, 3 or 4, veering northerly 4 to 6, then northeasterly 3 to 5 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in east.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 3 or 4, veering north 4 or 5, then northeast 2 to 4 later.
Smooth or slight.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, but moderate in west, occasionally rough later in far west.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 3 or 4 veering northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough in west, elsewhere smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in east and rough later in far southwest.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4 veering northeast 3 to 5, occasionally 6 near st david's head, becoming variable 4 or less later.

Smooth or slight in east, elsewhere moderate, occasionally rough in far southwest.

Showers then rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in northeast.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 6 veering northeast 3 or 4, then southwest 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5, veering east, then southwest later, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 veering east 3 or 4, then southwest 4 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5, veering northwest 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and smooth at first in south.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and smooth in south.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5, veering northwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth for a time in Firth of Clyde.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 to 6, backing south, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west 3 or 4, then southwest 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.

Showers at first.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, veering northwest 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north and south entrances.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 or 7 backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north and south entrances, becoming slight for a time in central area.

Showers at first.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, veering northwest 6 or 7 later.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 or 7 backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Very rough, but rough in southeast.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Ridge of high pressure over Shetland Waters will decline as frontal troughs move east of northeast across the area.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale now ceased, but southwesterly gale force 8 expected later. Issued 0949UTC on Fri 3 February 2023.

Variable 2 to 4 becoming south or southwest 5 or 6

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

Rain or drizzle at times

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

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

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, veering west later

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

Rain then showers

Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 2 to 4, decreasing 1 to 3 for a time in the morning.

Slight to moderate, decreasing smooth to slight overnight, with a low swell.

Occasional light showers, perhaps locally misty in the morning.

Good, locally moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 2 to 4, veering north 3 to 5 overnight, further veering northeast by Sunday morning, perhaps briefly 6 around dawn, decreasing 3 to 4 by early afternoon.

Smooth to slight, perhaps briefly moderate mid-channel Sunday morning, with a low swell.

Risk of isolated light showers, then occasional drizzle and mist overnight, clearing around dawn on Sunday.

Good, locally moderate to poor for a time.

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