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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

General Situation

Low pressure over Scandinavia will continue to move away eastwards allowing a ridge of high pressure to move east over the United Kingdom during Saturday, the winds easing for a time over most coasts. However, a further deepening Atlantic low will approach northwest Scotland later in the day, bringing strengthening further strong winds or gales to most areas later Saturday.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 for a time.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time.

Squally wintry showers, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later through Dover Strait, decreasing 4 for a time.

Squally showers then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first in east.

Moderate or rough.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later, decreasing

4 for a time.
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.
Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough, increasing very rough in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in west.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough, increasing very rough or high later in west.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times later, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough, increasing rough or very rough.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing southwest and increasing 7 or gale 8 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
Westerly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Squally wintry showers then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good occasionally very poor at first.
Rough or very rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later,

perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in north.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 or 7, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8,
perhaps severe gale 9 later, decreasing 4 or 5 at times.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.
Very rough or high, decreasing rough for a time.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a
time.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.
Very rough or high, decreasing rough for a time in south.

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