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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 03 January to 1200 UTC Sunday 04 January 2015

General Situation

Low pressure over the country will clear east today, with a ridge of high pressure building for a time tonight. From tomorrow, Atlantic low pressure systems bring strong winds to the north and west.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6.

Slight in sheltered south, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, backing southeast for a time, increasing 7 at times near Cape Wrath.

Slight in sheltered south otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near Rattray Head, backing southwest 4 or 5.

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

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southwest later, 4 or 5.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6, backing westerly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth in Thames estuary, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 5 or 6.

Smooth in Thames estuary, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, becoming northerly 4 or 5, then variable 3 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.

Rain at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3, becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northeast 4 or 5, then southeast 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, becoming rough for a time in south and east.

Rain at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southeast 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.

Rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, veering northeast then southeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near St Davids Head.

Smooth or slight inner Bristol Channel, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering south or southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near St Davids Head.

Smooth or slight inner Bristol Channel, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first in west.

Fair then occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south until later.

Rain at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly northerly, 3 or 4, becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3, then south 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth for a time.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Fair at first, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in northwest, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Kintyre.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Mull of Kintyre.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Moderate or rough in far north and far south, otherwise slight.
Wintry showers mainly in north.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Rough, occasionally very rough in north and west.
Wintry showers mainly in north.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Rough, becoming very rough later in north and west.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 03 Jan 2015 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 04 Jan 2015 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A transient ridge of high pressure builds over Shetland on Saturday giving an unstable NW flow.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Severe gale force 9 veering northwesterly and decreasing gale force 8 imminent.

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in the southwest.

Very rough in the west, moderate or rough in the east.
Wintry showers becoming isolated later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 04 Jan until 1200 UTC on Sunday 04 Jan:

Northwest backing west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later in the north.

Mainly rough but very rough in the far west at first, moderate in sheltered east.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest to west 6 to 7, locally gale 8, decreasing 5 to 6 by evening, veering northeast to east 4 to 5 around midnight, further veering southeast 3 to 4 around dawn.

Rough to very rough, moderating overnight.

Occasional rain or drizzle dying out overnight.

Moderate to poor, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 2 to 4, veering southerly by evening.

Slight with swell.

Rather cloudy risk of fog patches near french coasts by Monday morning.

Good, becoming locally moderate overnight, perhaps very poor Monday morning.

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