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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 03 August to 1200 UTC Friday 04 August 2023

General Situation

The United Kingdom will lie in a showery northwesterly airflow during the next 24 hours. A transient ridge of high pressure will follow from the west, bringing settled conditions briefly, before the next Atlantic low and its associated fronts spread rain and strong winds eastwards across all but the far north during Friday night and Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near aberdeenshire, decreasing 3 at times in Moray Firth.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Cape Wrath and smooth in Moray Firth. Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then east or southeast 2 to 4 later. Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, but elsewhere slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly mainly 3 to 5, but occasionally 6 near aberdeenshire and becoming variable 2 at times in south.

Slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in Firth of Forth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 to 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then east or northeast 3 to 5 later. Slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in Firth of Forth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally poor later in south.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 for a time at first.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 or less then south or southeast 3 or 4, backing east 3 to 5 later.

Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, then rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.
Showers, perhaps thundery.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then cyclonic 3 to 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, then rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, then becoming variable 3 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in Thames estuary and the wash.
Showers, perhaps thundery later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then cyclonic 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Thames estuary and the wash.
Showers, perhaps thundery at first, then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first and poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time at first.
Moderate becoming slight.
Showers, perhaps thundery later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 to 4, then southwesterly 5 to 7 later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers, perhaps thundery at first, then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first and poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 to 5.
Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, becoming fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west 3 to 5, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Rain later.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 until later in west, decreasing 3 at times in east.
Slight or moderate in east, but in west, rough becoming moderate.
Showers, becoming fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 3 to 5, then increasing 6 to gale 8 later, and then veering west or northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later, then becoming very rough later to the west of land's end.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Rough at first in west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers, becoming fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 3 to 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering west 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.

Fair then rain, then showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.

Showers, becoming fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing west 2 or 3 then south 4 to 6, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later, then occasionally very rough later near st david's head.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, occasionally 3 in Morecambe Bay and Solway Firth.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 3 to 5, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time.

Mainly fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south or southwest, 3 to 5, becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight, becoming moderate later, then occasionally rough later.
Fair then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable mainly northwest 2 to 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time at first in far north.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4 becoming southeast 3 to 5, backing east 5 to 7 later, then backing northeast 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first, then occasionally rough later in southeast.
Showers then rain.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 later in far north.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near the Mull of Kintyre and smooth in far north.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 to 5 becoming variable 2 then southeasterly 3 to 5, backing easterly then northeasterly 4 to 6 later, occasionally 7 later in far south.
Mainly slight or moderate, but smooth or slight in far north.
Mainly fair then rain, then showers later.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate or rough at first near western islay and Tiree, otherwise slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less, becoming easterly then northerly 3 to 5 later, occasionally 6 later in south.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.
Rain or showers.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later in south and east.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south, then north or northeast later, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate in far north, but elsewhere smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south, then north or northeast later, 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Aug 2023 at 1200 UTC until Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low complex across Scandinavia drifting northeast into Friday as a ridge begins to build eastwards into Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Nil

North or northwest 4 or 5

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Aug until 1200 UTC on Friday 04 Aug:

Northwest 4 or 5

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Mainly good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 5.

Rough at first in the west, otherwise slight to moderate with a low to moderate swell.

Isolated showers, heavy at times, dying out later tonight.

Good, occasionally moderate, locally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 5, backing west 3 to 4 by midnight, then southwest 5 to 7 by dawn.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, becoming rather rough later in the west and northwest later.

Rain or drizzle, heavy at times, spreading to all but the far southeast before dawn clearing to showers before midday.

Good, becoming moderate to poor at times later.

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