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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Monday 04 January to 1800 UTC Tuesday 05 January 2021

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure just to the north of Scotland and low pressure in biscay will bring an easterly or northeasterly flow to much of the British Isles. Winds will be strong in many places with occasional gales expected in some southern areas until Tuesday morning.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming west or southwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later to the north and west of Orkney.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Moderate, occasionally slight in Firth of Forth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, backing west or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in south.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, backing north or northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally slight later in far north.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 to 6, backing north 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 until later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly backing northwesterly later, 4 to 6.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in dover strait,  
then decreasing 4 at times later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time in east, then  
backing northerly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore.  
Occasional rain or showers, mainly in east.  
Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers, mainly in east.  
Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near headlands mainly in east.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in lyme bay.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in east.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south and west.  
Showers.  
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Smooth at times in east, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time in far southwest.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in east.

Showers, mainly in west.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in northern shelter.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north and east.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 to 6, backing north 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 until later in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 later in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel  
24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near Mull of Galloway.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then westerly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south.

Slight or moderate, but mainly smooth in shelter.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 3 to 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.

Fair.

Good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly east or northeast, 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in far north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north later.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly east or northeast, 2 to 4.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming southwest 3 to 5, occasionally 6 later in far north.

Moderate, occasionally slight, becoming rough later in north.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Monday 04 Jan 2021 at 1800 UTC until Tuesday 05 Jan 2021 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An area of high pressure will cover Shetland and surrounding waters.

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

Variable 2 to 4

Slight or moderate

Fair

Good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Tuesday 05 Jan until 1800 UTC on Tuesday 05 Jan:

Variable, mainly north or northwest, 2 to 4

Slight or moderate.

Fair

Good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 to 6 in the southeast of the area, 5 to 7 in the northwest, occasionally gale 8 mid-channel until after midnight.

Slight to moderate in the southeast of the area, rather rough to rough in the northwest.

Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet at times risk of mist patches near french overnight and Tuesday morning.

Moderate to good, locally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 to 5 in the southeast of the area, 5 to 7 in the northwest, becoming generally easterly 2 to 4 Wednesday morning in all but the far north of the area.

Smooth to slight in the southeast of the area, moderate to rather rough in the northwest, locally rough mid-channel until midnight, becoming mainly smooth or slight by midday, locally moderate to rather rough mid-channel.

Rain or showers, locally heavy, with sleet at times risk of mist or fog patches near french coasts overnight and Wednesday morning.

Moderate to good, locally poor, perhaps very poor.

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