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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1200 UTC Friday 03 February 2023

General Situation

High pressure will be slow moving to the south on Thursday as a developing low tracks east or southeast towards Norway. This will move away southeast during Friday as a transient ridge crosses the UK. This will decline on Saturday as a frontal trough sweeps east into the UK.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 5 to 7 becoming west or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 then backing west 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 backing south or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 or 5 backing southwest later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time, occasionally 4 later.
Slight or moderate,.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 4 or 5.
Slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 4 or 5 veering northwesterly 3 or 4.
Slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Mainly moderate.

Mainly fair patchy rain later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north until later.

Rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north until later.

Rough or very rough in west, slight or moderate in south and east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough in west, slight or moderate in south and east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, occasionally 5 later.

Very rough or high.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Very rough or high.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A low moving over Iceland gives a strong west or northwesterly airstream across Shetland Waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Southwesterly gale force 8 expected soon, veering westerly and increasing severe gale force 9 later. Issued at 0349 UTC on Thur 2 Feb 2023.

Southeast veering west 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Rough but becoming very rough in the west, moderate at first in the east.
Rain then showers
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 to 6 later.
Very rough, increasing high for a time in the west, rough at first and later in the east.
Mainly fair
Mainly good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West, locally southwest at times, 3 to 5.
Slight to moderate with a low swell developing in the west later.
Isolated light showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 2 to 4, occasionally 5 in the north of the area at first, becoming variable 1 to 3 by dawn.
Slight, becoming mainly smooth, with a low swell.
Isolated light showers.
Good.

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