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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1800 UTC Friday 03 February 2023

#### General Situation

High pressure will be slow moving to the south on Thursday evening 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:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing south or southwest 5 or 6 later.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7 veering west 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, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in north, backing south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5 veering west 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering west 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 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 or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in north, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate, .

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 veering northwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (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:

West or southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest for a time.

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:

West or 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:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly later in north.

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, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, 5 or 6, soon decreasing 4 or 5, then 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest later, 3 or 4, soon increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, occasionally 4 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:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, veering northwest 5 or 6 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 at first in north,  
occasionally 4 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:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.  
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 6 to gale 8 backing south or southwest 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, veering west later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 6 to gale 8 backing south or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, veering west or northwest  
later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
West 6 to gale 8 backing south or southwest 5 to 7.  
Very rough or high.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, veering west or northwest 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 1800 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 0600 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 becoming very rough or high, moderate at first in the east.

Rain becoming showers

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, soon decreasing 4 to 6. backing south later, decreasing 3 for a time.

Very rough or high, becoming rough or moderate later in the east.

Mainly fair, rain later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West to southwest 3 to 5, decreasing 2 to 4 in the morning, veering west to northwest Friday afternoon.

Slight to moderate with a low swell.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

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