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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 04 January to 1200 UTC Sunday 05 January 2020

General Situation

High pressure close to southern England will maintain a southwesterly airflow across all areas. However, this will move away later Sunday and during Monday allowing active cold fronts to spread rain and gales eastwards on Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 or 6, then veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Slight at times in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight at times in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 at first in north, otherwise cyclonic, becoming southerly 4 or 5, veering southwesterly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough north of Montrose.

Occasional rain.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough north of Montrose, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough offshore.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough offshore.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough offshore in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth at times in south, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first, becoming moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in lyme bay.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight in far east, otherwise moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.
Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate, occasionally rough, becoming rough or very rough later.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, then very rough later in northwest.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Mainly moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, backing south 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate at first in east, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough later in southeast.

Occasional drizzle, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough near the Mull of Kintyre, otherwise slight or moderate.
Occasional drizzle.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, backing southerly 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in south.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate, becoming moderate or poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.
Occasional drizzle.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest backing south 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough in southeast, rough or very rough in northwest.
Occasional drizzle, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate, becoming moderate or poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly at first in north, otherwise southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and in far south.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate at times in central areas, otherwise rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly at first in north, otherwise southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high later.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2020 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 05 Jan 2020 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Ridge of high pressure over area will topple away east later Saturday as Atlantic fronts push in from west.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue:
Northwesterly gale force 8, backing southwesterly later, issued at 21:47 UTC on
Fri 3 Jan 2020

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 at first in far east, otherwise variable 3 or
4, becoming southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later
Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland
Occasional rain
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan until 1200 UTC on Sunday 05
Jan:
Southwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later in west
Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland
Occasional rain
Moderate occasionally poor

Channel Islands
24 hour forecast:
Northwest to west 2 to 4, locally 5 in the north of the area this afternoon,
backing west to southwest overnight.
Slight with a low swell.
Isolated light showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West to southwest 2 to 4, perhaps occasionally 5 mid-channel, backing southwest
to south by evening, increasing 4 to 5 in the morning, perhaps locally 6 by
midday.
Smooth or slight with a low swell, becoming moderate in the north in the
morning, perhaps locally rather rough mid-channel by midday.
Risk of light showers mist and a risk of fog patches near french coasts in the
morning.
Good, locally poor or very poor.

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