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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

A strong, occasionally gale, southeasterly airflow covers the United Kingdom. Wintry showers in north and east. A frontal band in the southwest will move very slowly northeastwards with risk of sleet in south and east for a time.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in northeast later.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 or 7.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 5 to 7.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Wintry showers then rain or sleet.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7, veering southwest later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around exposed headlands, later veering southeasterly 3 or 4.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in sleet.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4 veering southwest 5 to 7.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around exposed headlands, later decreasing 3 or 4.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in sleet.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 or 4 veering southwest 5 to 7.

Occasional rain or drizzle then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around exposed headlands, backing northeast 3 or 4 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast veering south 3 or 4, then veering southwest 5 to 7.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, veering west later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

East 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in St Georges Channel, decreasing slight or moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, veering west later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, veering southeast 4 or 5 later.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough becoming slight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, veering west later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East 6 or 7 decreasing south 3 or 4.

Isolated showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4 increasing south or southwest 6 or 7.

Isolated showers.

Moderate or good.

Slight or moderate becoming rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, backing east 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming south 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.

Wintry showers then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, backing east 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming south 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.

Wintry showers then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8 backing easterly 4 or 5.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East veering southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.

Wintry showers then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly backing easterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough around Outer Hebrides.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly veering southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, veering southwest later.

Wintry showers then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough around Outer Hebrides.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough becoming high or very high.

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