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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 04 February to 1200 UTC Sunday 05 February 2023

#### General Situation

A band of rain will sink southeastwards across the British Isles today, before high pressure will move east over England tomorrow, with strong winds in north and east easing off. Then the high will move east over Dover Strait on Monday, with the winds strengthening in the northwest again.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering westerly, 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in northwest.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in inner Moray Firth, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Occasional drizzle later in north.

Good, occasionally moderate later in north.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 near Rattray Head, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate at first in northeast.

Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 to 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northeast.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering northwest 4 to 6, backing southwest 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 2 to 4, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 3 to 5.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 2 to 4, veering northerly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in east.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers then rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly 3 to 5 becoming variable 4 or less.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly 5 or 6, then northeasterly 4 or 5 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in east.  
Showers then rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5 veering southeasterly 2 to 4.  
Smooth or slight, but moderate at first in east.  
Fair.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest 3 or 4 veering northeast 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers, rain for a time later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5 veering southeast 2 to 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering north, 2 to 4, then east 3 to 5.  
Moderate or rough west of the Lizard, elsewhere slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in lyme bay.  
Showers, rain for a time later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East 3 to 5 veering southeast 2 to 4.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in lyme bay.

Fair.  
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering west 2 to 4, then northeast 3 to 5, veering southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in east, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in far southwest.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight in east, otherwise moderate.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering north, 4 or 5, then southeast 2 to 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in north.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 2 to 4, veering south 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, but smooth at first in north.

Fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 3 to 5, then northeast 2 to 4, veering south later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth.

Showers, then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 2 to 4, veering southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering northwest 4 to 6, then northeast 2 or 3, veering south 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth.

Showers then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4 veering southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth becoming slight, occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly, then southerly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, becoming variable 3 or less for a time.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and smooth in south.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north and smooth at first in south.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in Firth of Clyde.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 to 6, veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4, then south 5 to 7 later.  
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.  
Rain then showers, fair later.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in southeast.  
Showers later.  
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 6 or 7 backing southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Slight or moderate, but rough near northern and southern entrances.  
Rain then showers, fair later.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8.  
Moderate or rough.  
Fair then occasional drizzle.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 6 or 7 backing southwest 4 to 6, increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Very rough, but rough in southeast.  
Rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough, but rough in southeast.

Fair then occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2023 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 05 Feb 2023 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A cold front will push southeast across Shetland waters this afternoon with a ridge of high pressure toppling east on Sunday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Gale force 8 veering westerly soon (Issued 04/0351UTC)

South or southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west or northwest 5 to 7

Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered eastern waters

Rain then showers

Moderate or poor becoming mainly good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb until 1200 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

West or northwest 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later

Rough or very rough, but slight or moderate in well sheltered eastern waters

Showers dying out

Mainly good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 2 to 4, veering north to northeast 3 to 5 later tonight, veering northeast in the morning.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Occasional drizzle and mist patches overnight and early morning.

Good, locally moderate to poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 to 5, gradually veering east, decreasing 3 to 4 Monday morning.

Slight, locally smooth, with a low swell.

Fair or fine.

Good.

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