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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 03 May to 0600 UTC Friday 04 May 2018

General Situation

A westerly flow is in place over the British Isles at first, with high pressure building in the south. A weak occlusion will move into western areas during Thursday, bringing some rain, drizzle and fog patches.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, occasionally 7 later near Cape Wrath.

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

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, but increasing 7 or gale 8 at times in far northwest.

Smooth at times in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Occasional rain or drizzle mainly in northwest.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor mainly in northwest.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, becoming variable at times, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, becoming variable at times, 3 or 4, occasionally 2 later.

Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly, but becoming variable at times, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southerly, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming northeasterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southwest, 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally northeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in far west, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth mainly in east.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches later in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, occasionally variable in east, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.

Occasional rain or drizzle and fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 for a time in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming mainly southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering west 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north, but becoming rough at times near Mull of Kintyre.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north.

Occasional drizzle and fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 3 later in south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle, with fog patches later in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest, but becoming variable 3 or 4 at times in southeast.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Occasional drizzle, with fog patches in south.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor in south.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 7 later mainly in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far south.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then occasionally 7 later mainly in north.

Rough, occasionally moderate.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far north.

Rough, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 03 May 2018 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 May 2018 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A showery southwesterly airstream covers the area at first, while Atlantic

fronts will arrive on Thursday afternoon.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue.

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 May until 0600 UTC on Friday 04 May:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate or rough, but slight in sheltered waters east of Shetland.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 2 to 3, locally 4, backing west in the north of the area during the afternoon then generally west to southwest overnight, locally variable by dawn.
Smooth or slight.
Risk of a little drizzle and mist or fog patches from dawn on Friday, especially in the west.
Good, perhaps locally poor or very poor by dawn on Friday.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest or variable 1 to 3, becoming north to northeast 2 to 4 by evening.
Smooth or slight with a low swell.
Perhaps a little drizzle at first risk of mist or fog patches, especially in the west.
Good, perhaps locally poor or very poor.

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