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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 02 January to 1800 UTC Friday 03 January 2020

General Situation

Cold fronts will move southeastwards over the next 24 hours, with a further frontal system returning to the northwest on Saturday. Meanwhile, pressure will build to the south of the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly at first in east, otherwise westerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Rough or very rough, becoming high north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough, except in Moray Firth.

Rain then showers, wintry later in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southerly or southeasterly 5 or 6 later.

High, becoming very rough north and west of Orkney, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight later in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain or showers, wintry at first in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, mainly in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain until later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, then backing west 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later.

Mainly moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, backing west 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain until later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 to 6, occasionally 7 until later.
Moderate, occasionally slight.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing westerly, 4 to 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in Thames estuary.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7.
Moderate, occasionally rough for a time.
Occasional drizzle, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing westerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Mainly moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional drizzle, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate, occasionally slight in shelter.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in far west.
Rain or drizzle, then fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in shelter east of the Lizard.
Occasional drizzle later.
Mainly good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time west of lundy island.
Rain or drizzle, then fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west, 4 or 5.
Rough at first in west, otherwise moderate.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time, then backing west 4 to 6 later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, then fair.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West backing southwest later, 4 to 6.
Rough at first in south, otherwise moderate.
Occasional drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, then backing west 5 or 6 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough until later.
Occasional rain or drizzle, then fair.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West backing southwest later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest, veering northwest, then backing west or southwest later, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming mainly moderate.
Rain or showers, then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later.
Mainly moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing west later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later west of rathlin island.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 6 later.
Very rough until later west of rathlin island, otherwise moderate or rough, but becoming slight later in sheltered east.
Showers or occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, then backing westerly later.

Moderate, occasionally rough, but occasionally slight in Firth of Clyde.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 to 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, then backing west later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time offshore in north.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest later, 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, becoming mainly moderate in shelter.

Showers or occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate in central areas.

Rain then showers, perhaps wintry in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Very rough, becoming high.

Showers, perhaps wintry in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

High, becoming very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Jan 2020 at 1800 UTC until Friday 03 Jan 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low complex in the Norwegian Sea clearing fronts through your area later Friday, veering the flow to a cold showery westerly.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 decreasing severe gale force 9 imminent, veering westerly later issued at 03:46 UTC on Thu 2 Jan 2020

Southwesterly at first in southeast, otherwise westerly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later
Very rough or high, but moderate or rough just east of Shetland
Rain, then showers, wintry later
Moderate or good, occasionally poor

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Jan until 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Jan:
West 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 at first
Very rough or high, but moderate or rough just east of Shetland
Wintry showers
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 4 to 6, occasionally 7 mid-channel, veering southwest to west by dawn tomorrow, then northwest to north by noon, decreasing 3 to 5 by evening. Moderate to rough, locally slight tonight and towards dusk tomorrow, with a low swell increasing to a moderate swell tomorrow morning.
Occasional rain or showers, clearing all but the southeast of the area by midday.
Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 3 to 5, backing northwest to west by mid-morning Saturday. Slight to moderate, with a moderate swell decreasing to a low swell.
Fair or fine.
Good.

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