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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 03 February to 0600 UTC Saturday 04 February 2023

General Situation

A westerly flow covers the region, mainly fresh to strong but with gales at first in the north of Scotland. A transient ridge of high pressure continues to build through the day, easing winds and backing the flow southwesterly. Largely settled conditions with perhaps the odd shower or spot of rain in the north. Winds then start to strengthen and veer northwesterly through Saturday as frontal band of rain gradually pushes southeastwards across the United Kingdom, with showers feeding into the northwest behind.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 to 6.

Rough or very rough in far north, moderate or rough at first in far east, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough in far north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 at first in far north, backing southwesterly 3 to 5.

Moderate or rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near shore.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 4 to 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest, 3 to 5, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 3 or 4, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate offshore, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate offshore until later.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in northeast.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 2 to 4, veering northerly 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in far east.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, decreasing 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly west, 2 to 4, veering north 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 later in lyme bay.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first west of the Isles of Scilly and smooth later in shelter.

Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 at first in lyme bay, otherwise west or southwest 3 or 4, then veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in shelter and rough west of the Isles of Scilly.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 to 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End and slight in Bristol Channel.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northeast later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 for a time later.

Moderate, occasionally slight in Bristol Channel and rough near Lands End.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 near shore.

Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 to 7, then northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth near Anglesey.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 to 7, then north 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming mainly fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest, 3 to 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.
Rain at first, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 to 5, veering northwest 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north, becoming smooth or slight later in south.
Rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southwesterly 2 to 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.
Rain at first, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Firth of Clyde.
Rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.
Rain at first, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 6 to gale 8, then backing west 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in eastern shelter.
Rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first in south, backing southwesterly 5 or 6, then increasing 6 or 7 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.
Rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, then backing westerly 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough in south and slight later in north.
Rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 6, occasionally 3 at first in south, backing southwesterly 5 or 6, then increasing 6 or 7 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, then backing westerly 3 to 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 0600 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2023 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Strong northwesterly flow will ease on Friday morning as a ridge of high pressure crosses from the west. Warm front will approach from the southwest in the afternoon.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Westerly severe gale force 9 imminent, veering northwesterly and increasing storm 10 later. Issued 1559UTC on Thu 2 February 2023.

Northwesterly 7 or gale 8 decreasing 4 to 6, becoming variable 3 for a time, then southerly 4 or 5 later in west

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first. becoming moderate in waters east of Shetland

Showers at first then mainly fair. Rain later in west

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South or southwest 5 or 6, but variable 3 at first in east

Rough, but moderate east of Shetland

Rain or drizzle at first then mainly fair

Moderate occasionally poor at first, otherwise good

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 3 to 4, occasionally variable 1 to 2 overnight.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Isolated light showers occasional drizzle at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 to 4, occasionally variable 1 to 2 at first, becoming northwest to north 4 to 6 later.

Smooth or slight with a low swell.

Isolated light showers.

Good.

