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

General Situation

Strong to gale winds in the north and east at first, then developing in all areas as an area of low pressure approaches western Scotland by midnight on Saturday.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, but 5 at times in Moray Firth. Wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in east, but locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high around Orkney and Rattray Head.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southwesterly at times, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Rain, occasional sleet at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Very rough, occasionally high around Rattray Head, decreasing moderate or rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough becoming moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.
Rough becoming moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7, veering southwest later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7, veering west later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Slight or moderate, increasing moderate or rough later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing northeast 4 or 5 later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4 veering south 5 or 6, occasionally 7, veering west later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, backing east then northeast later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

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

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, backing east then northeast later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west at first.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

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

Occasional rain or drizzle then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, increasing rough or very rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, backing east 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, veering west later.

Occasional rain, perhaps sleet in north at first, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Moderate, increasing rough, occasionally very rough in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in south at first.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, veering west later.

Rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Moderate or rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Showers.

Good.

Moderate or rough.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing south to southeast 6 to gale 8, then veering west to southwest.

Rain for a time, clearing later to isolated showers.

Good, falling moderate or poor in rain.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 6 to gale 8, easing 5 or 6 later.

Isolated showers.

Mostly good.

Rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, veering southwest later.

Rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west 5 or 6 later.
Showers.
Good.
Moderate or rough.

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

24 hour forecast:
Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, veering southwest later.
Rain or sleet, showers later.
Moderate or poor becoming good.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west 5 or 6 later.
Showers.
Good.
Moderate or rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:
Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.
Rain or sleet, showers later.
Moderate or poor becoming good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west 6 to gale 8.
Showers.
Good.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:
Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.
Rain or sleet, showers later.
Moderate or poor becoming good.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west 6 to gale 8.
Showers.
Good.
Very rough or high.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:
Southeast 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10.
Rain, sleet at first.
Moderate or poor.
Very rough or high, occasionally very high in east later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast gale 8 to storm 10, veering southwest 6 or 7 later.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Very high decreasing very rough.

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