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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

General Situation

A deepening Atlantic low will approach northwest Scotland later Saturday, becoming complex and slow moving during Sunday. Further strong winds, gales or occasionally severe gales are expected on all coasts, with a risk of storms on some western and southwestern coasts.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in west Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate for a time.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rough or very rough, decreasing moderate for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south 6 to gale 8.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Moderate or rough becoming very rough.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast

6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Mainly fair, occasional rain in west later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate becoming very rough.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast
6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east at first, backing
southerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 backing south 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale
9 later.
Wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally
severe gale 9 later.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Moderate, increasing rough or very rough.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 or gale 8, backing south gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.
Rain.
Moderate occasionally poor.
Rough or very rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 backing south or southeast 7 to severe gale 9.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high in
east later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6 backing south or southeast 7 to severe gale 9.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good occasionally poor.
Rough or very rough.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing south or southeast
7 to severe gale 9.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4 backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8,
occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in south and west.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6 backing south or southeast 3 or 4,
increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Rough or very rough.

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