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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 04 August to 0600 UTC Saturday 05 August 2023

General Situation

The United Kingdom will lie in a showery northwesterly airflow during Friday. A transient ridge of high pressure will follow from the west, bringing settled conditions briefly, before the next Atlantic low and its associated fronts spread rain and strong winds eastwards across all but the far north during Friday night and Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Rattray Head, becoming variable 2 to 4. Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly east or southeast, 2 to 4.

Moderate to the west and north of Orkney, otherwise smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in north, becoming variable 2 to 4, then southeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in Moray Firth, slight or moderate elsewhere.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then east or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 4 to 6, backing north or northeast, then northwest later, 3 to 5. Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then cyclonic 3 to 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight in south.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming northeasterly, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in north, then backing northerly or northwesterly 4 to 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then cyclonic 3 to 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate in north and smooth in the wash and Thames estuary.
Showers, thundery for a time in south.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic 3 to 5, occasionally 6 in south, becoming northwesterly 5 to 7 later, perhaps gale 8 later in northeast.
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.
Rain or showers, thundery later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly becoming variable, 2 to 4, then becoming southwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Showers, thundery for a time in east.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly veering northwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Rain then thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly later, 3 to 5, increasing 6 later in west.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.
Rain at first.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 to 5, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough later west of the Lizard peninsula.
Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 or 7, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, then decreasing 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in far west, then becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain at first.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 to 6, backing west 3 to 5, then south or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far west.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, then decreasing 4 to 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in inner Bristol Channel, becoming rough or very rough for a time at first in west.

Rain or showers at first, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight for a time in north, occasionally rough later near St Davids Head.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in west, becoming northerly or northwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Rain or showers at first, perhaps thundery.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 to 6, backing westerly 3 or 4, then easterly or southeasterly 3 to 5 later, occasionally 6 later in south.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly backing northerly or northeasterly, 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in south, then backing northwesterly 3 to 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in far south.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 6, backing west 2 to 4, then east 4 to 6 later.
Moderate becoming slight.
Rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 4 to 6, backing north, then northwest later, 3 to 5.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then easterly or southeasterly 3 to 5 later, occasionally 6 later in south.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly backing westerly or northwesterly, 3 to 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far south.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable, then easterly later, 2 to 4.
Moderate at first in North Channel, otherwise smooth or slight.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly backing northerly or northwesterly, then westerly later, 2 to 4.
Smooth or slight.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 to 5, backing west or southwest 2 to 4, then east or southeast 3 to 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in east.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or southeast 2 to 4, becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 3 to 5.
Slight, occasionally smooth in east and moderate in west.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.
Slight or moderate in north, otherwise smooth or slight.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate in far north, smooth or slight elsewhere.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 to 5, becoming variable 2 to 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 to 4, becoming northwesterly 3 to 5 later in far south.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Valid Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 0600 UTC until Friday 04 Aug 2023 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Northwesterly flow will persist across Shetland Waters. Ridge of high pressure will build from the west on Friday with a slack flow developing on Saturday.

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

Northwest 4 or 5

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Moderate or good

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 04 Aug until 0600 UTC on Saturday 05 Aug:

Mainly northwesterly 3 or 4, backing westerly later in south

Moderate, but slight in lee shelter of Shetland

Showers

Moderate or good

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 5, backing west 3 to 4 by midnight, then backing southwest 4 to 5, perhaps 6 later.

Rather rough in the west at first, otherwise slight, occasionally moderate with a low to moderate swell.

Isolated showers at first rain at times after midnight, perhaps locally heavy.

Good or very good, occasionally moderate, perhaps locally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 6, increasing 7 at times, veering west to northwest 6 to gale 8 with gusts 55kt for a time, decreasing 4 to 5 later.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, becoming rather rough to rough by midday, then very rough in the west for a time, becoming slight to moderate with a low to

moderate swell later.

Rain then drizzle for a time at first, perhaps locally heavy isolated showers after midnight.

Moderate to good, locally poor at first, becoming good or very good, locally moderate later.

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