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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 05 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 06 February  
2020

#### General Situation

High pressure currently over the United Kingdom will gradually edge away eastwards, allowing a strengthening southerly airflow to extend its influence from the west to all areas during the next couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southerly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Smooth in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional drizzle until later in north.

Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east, increasing 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate until later in east, otherwise moderate or rough, but mainly smooth in Moray Firth.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, backing southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in north.

Smooth or slight at first in south, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight becoming moderate, then occasional rain later.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West backing south later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

#### Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly westerly 3 or less, occasionally 4 in north.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in northeast.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor near shore.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5, then veering southerly 5 or 6 later.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first near shore.

#### North Foreland to Selsey Bill

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 3 or 4 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5, then veering southerly 5 or 6 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

#### Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

##### 24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally poor for a time in the solent.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, then veering south later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Mainly good.

#### Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.  
Smooth until later in lyme bay, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west.  
Moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

##### 24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Smooth or slight in Bristol Channel, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good, occasionally poor for a time in Bristol Channel.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in southwest then more generally later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing southeast later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, then moderate or rough later in west.

Occasional rain later.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south or southeast later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight until later in east, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in northern North Channel, and later in south, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Mainly good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, backing southerly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northwest.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, but rough in far north and in far south.

Occasional drizzle or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional drizzle or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough near Sutherland, otherwise rough or very rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

Valid Wednesday 05 Feb 2020 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 06 Feb 2020 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

High pressure will be slow moving over the southern British Isles with a west or southwesterly flow affecting Shetland Waters.

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

West 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Mainly rough, but slight or moderate in sheltered waters east of Shetland.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 06 Feb until 1800 UTC on Thursday 06 Feb:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest.  
Mainly rough, occasionally very rough in west. slight or moderate in sheltered waters east of Shetland.  
Drizzle at times.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East to southeast 3 to 4 increasing 4 to 5 by midday, perhaps locally 6 later.  
Smooth or slight with a low swell, increasing slight to moderate in the afternoon.  
Isolated mist patches near french coasts from midnight to mid-morning.  
Good, locally poor near french coasts.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to southeast 4 to 6, veering south by midday.  
Slight to moderate with a low swell.  
Patchy light rain, later Friday.  
Good, perhaps locally moderate later.

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