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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Tuesday 04 February to 0600 UTC Wednesday 05 February
2020

General Situation

An area of low pressure to the east of Scotland is filling, allowing the strong northwesterly flow to ease. High pressure will build over the country through Tuesday to bring a spell of much quieter weather that will last into Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing northwesterly 3 to 5, then westerly or southwesterly 4 to 6.

Slight at times in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far northwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, mainly in north, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 to 5, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, becoming fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 to 6, backing west 3 to 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, veering northerly, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less at times in south.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northerly 4 to 6, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering northerly 3 to 5, then northeasterly 2 or 3 later.
Very rough at first in far west, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally slight.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 2 or 3, becoming variable 3 or less, then becoming southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in northeast.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west, becoming slight later in east.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Bristol Channel.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in far north, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly or southwesterly 3 to 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in north.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 to 5, backing west 2 to 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing southwest, 3 to 5, becoming variable 3 or less at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 7 or gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 4 to 6, backing southwest 3 to 5 later.
Very rough or high at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight in south and east.

Showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Fair.
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 4 to 6, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 to 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel, becoming mainly smooth or slight.
Showers at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Kintyre.
Fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 4 to 6, backing westerly 3 or 4, then southwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east.
Showers, then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, backing westerly, then southwesterly later, 4 to 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north and far south, becoming slight in central areas.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing 7 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, backing westerly, then southwesterly later, 4 to 6.
Very rough or high, becoming rough, occasionally moderate later.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then increasing 7 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in far west.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 0600 UTC until Tuesday 04 Feb 2020 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A low over the North Sea will continue to fill as it moves southeast into the Low Countries allowing a ridge of high pressure to build across Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle at time of issue: Storm force 10 veering northerly and decreasing gale force 8 soon, issued 1613 UTC 3rd Feb 2020

North or northeast 6 or 7 backing west 4 or 5.
Very rough at first in north and west, otherwise rough, occasionally moderate east of Shetland
Fair
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Tuesday 04 Feb until 0600 UTC on Wednesday 05 Feb:

West 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.
Rough, but moderate east of Shetland, and slight in sheltered waters just east of Shetland.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 with gusts to 50kt, decreasing 5 to 7 late afternoon, veering north 4 to 5 late evening, then 2 to 4 by morning.
Rough, locally very rough in the west, decreasing rather rough this evening and slight to moderate overnight, with a low swell.
Scattered showers, dying out early afternoon.
Good occasionally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northeast 2 to 4, veering east to southeast in the afternoon, locally variable.
Smooth or slight with a low swell.
Fair risk of mist or fog patches near the french coast Thursday morning.
Good, perhaps locally poor or very poor.

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