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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 05 February to 1200 UTC Thursday 06 February
2020

General Situation

A huge area of high pressure currently over the United Kingdom will only gradually edge eastwards, but will allow a strengthening southerly airflow to extend its influence from the west during the next couple of days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in north, decreasing 4 at times in east.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight in east, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional drizzle in north.

Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east, increasing 7 at times later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north and later Rattray Head.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, but becoming variable 3 at times in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, backing southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.

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

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, decreasing 3 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.

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 3 or 4, increasing 5 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.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate near shore.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5, veering south 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 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, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in west.

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.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Showers later in west.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 or less, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in southwest.

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

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in west.

Showers later in west.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, backing southeast 5 to 7.

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

Fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West backing south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, backing south or southeast 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times 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.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 5 to 7.

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

Fair.

Good.

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

Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4.

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

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing southeasterly 5 to 7.

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

Fair.

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 later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northwest.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 or 6.

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

Occasional drizzle or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

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, occasionally very rough later.

Occasional drizzle or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

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 1200 UTC until Thursday 06 Feb 2020 at 0000 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 to 7.

Rough, occasionally very rough in north at first. moderate just east of Shetland.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 06 Feb until 1200 UTC on Thursday 06 Feb:

West 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland.

Occasional drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or less, locally variable, becoming east to southeast 3 to 4 overnight, increasing 4 to 5 by midday.

Slight, occasionally smooth till midnight, with a low swell, becoming locally moderate across the far west of area by midday Thursday.

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 5, perhaps 6 in the far west of the area from late evening.

Slight to moderate with a low swell.

Fair or fine.

Good.

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