

**Channel Islands Shipping Forecast prepared for the area bounded by latitude 50°N, the French coasts between Cap de la Hague and Ile de Brehat, and longitude 3°W.**

**Issued by the Jersey Met Department at 4am Thursday, 02 February 2017 for the period ending 7am on Saturday.**

At the time of issue there were Gale Warnings in force for Sea Areas Portland and Plymouth.

At the time of issue there was a Gale Warning in force for the Channel Islands area.

## **General Situation**

At midnight low, 959mb, 600 miles west of Ushant expected to move northeast with associated fronts over the Channel clearing the area by midday. Low, 1005 mb, mid-Atlantic expected 982mb near the mouth of the Channel by Friday afternoon.

## **Forecast from 7am on Thursday until 7am on Friday.**

Wind: South to southeast 6 to 7, locally gale 8 in the north, veering southwest by evening, decreasing 5 in the south, generally backing south 5 to 6 towards dawn.

Weather: Mist patches and occasional rain, locally heavy, clearing by late morning. Scattered showers by late afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

Sea State: Moderate to rather rough in the south, rough in the north, locally very rough by evening.

Swell: Confused with total waves 6 to 9 feet in the south, 12 to 20 feet in the north.

St. Helier Sea Temperature: 8 °C

Tides at St Helier:

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|------|----------|----------|------|--------|
| High | Water at | 09:47 am | 10.4 | Metres |
| Low  | Water at | 04:27 pm | 2.0  | Metres |

## **Outlook from 7am on Friday until 7am on Saturday.**

Wind: Southeast to south 5 to 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 by midday, veering westerly later in the afternoon, perhaps locally storm 10 with gusts to 65kt, decreasing 6 to gale 8 before midnight, backing southwest to south 4 to 5 before dawn.

Weather: Isolated showers until early morning. Outbreaks of rain spreading in from

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the southwest by dawn, locally heavy, clearing Friday evening.

Visibility: Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

Sea State: Moderate to rather rough with swell, increasing rough to very rough in the afternoon, slowly decreasing overnight.

**Forecast for the area from 50°N to the English Coast between Start Point and the Needles from 7am on Thursday until 7am on Friday.**

**Issued by the Jersey Met Department at 4am Thursday, 02 February 2017.**

Wind: Southeast to south 6 to gale 8, veering southwest by evening, backing southerly 5 to 6 by dawn.

Weather: Mist patches and occasional rain, locally heavy, clearing by late morning. Scattered showers by late afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate to poor, occasionally good.

Sea State: Rather rough to rough with swell, increasing rough to very rough for a time this evening.

At the time of issue the following warnings were in force:

Gale Warning, No. 4/2 Issued on 02/02/2017 at 02:40 UTC.

**Channel Islands Shipping Forecast Extended Outlook**

**prepared for the area bounded by latitude 50°N, the French coasts between Cap de la Hague and Ile de Brehat, and longitude 3°W.**

**Issued by the Jersey Met Department at 10am, Wednesday, 01 February 2017.**

**Outlook for Friday, 03 February 2017.**

Wind: Southeast 6 to severe gale 9, veering southwest to west by evening.

Weather: Occasional rain.

**Outlook for Saturday, 04 February 2017.**

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Wind: South-westerly 5 to 7.

Weather: Scattered showers.

## **Outlook for Sunday, 05 February 2017.**

Wind: Southwest 6 to gale F8.

Weather: Rain and showers.