

To: Commanders Weather Client  
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Route: Ijmuiden to Southampton, UK, then to Lanzarote  
Depart: 0600utc Thu Jan 30, 2025 or 0600utc Sat  
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#### Summary...

- 1) Overall, see no significant concerns with leaving either Thu or Sat morning
- 2) Think the next best time to depart Southampton is later Tue, but maybe on rougher side though E to NE winds for mid-later part of next week
  - a) if you leave sooner, then chance for stronger S to SW headwind Mon night into Tue
- 3) We still have the big low/gale tracking E across Bay of Biscay into France during tonight and into Thu, which
  - a) see not direct impacts from this big low or storm
- 4) Cold front settles SE easing thru North Sea tonight and
- 5) behind this front, there will be a favorable NW breeze for heading SW thru SW North Sea toward Straits of Dover during Thu into evening
  - a) wind speeds into teens daytime
- 6) A ridge of high pressure shifts E, which will allow for wind to diminish and shift left into WNW to W during Thu night
  - a) wind more on nose, but down to around 10 kts into Straits of Dover, then
- 7) As ridge shifts SE into France, there will be a WSW to SW breeze during Fri AM, heading W thru English Channel
  - a) wind speeds mainly 10 kts or less
- 8) Another cold front tracking SE and E into the English Channel during Fri and
- 9) Ahead of this front, there will be a stronger SW-S wind in exposed portions of the Channel
  - a) wind into teens to low 20s, but much less into the Solent
- 10) if you delay and depart Sat AM, there should be light and favorable S-SE to SE wind for much of the way to Southampton
- 11) The front weakens and dissipates Fri PM/night, while high pressure builds E into Germany and
- 12) to W of this high and ridge axis extending W and SW, there will be a lightish SSE-S breeze during Sat AM
  - a) wind mainly around 10 kts or less, then
- 13) As you head more SW, wind increases from SSE and SE during the Sat PM/night nearing and into Straits of Dover
  - a) wind speeds to 10-15 kts
- 14) The high remains dominant feature to E into Sunday, which will result in favorable SE breeze into English Channel and the Solent
- 15) if you depart Southampton on Mon, then you will be ahead of cold front moving E with increasing S to SW headwind into Tue
  - a) chance for a period into 20s and squally in western part of Channel Mon night into Tue and
  - b) seas build to 9-12 ft (3.5+m)
- 16) Better to wait and depart behind cold front during Tue PM/evening
- 17) There is more uncertainty in conditions for mid-later part of next week as model differ some, but looks to be mainly E to NE wind
  - a) chance to be on rougher side though

Estimated positions below assume 10- 12 kts SOG:

Wind forecast

Time is UTC: wind direction TRUE/ wind speed knots

Thu Jan 30

00: 220-250/ <7

06: shift 330-360/7-12 depart

09: 340-360/10-15

12: 330-350/12-18 near 51 50n/03 30e – hdg SW

15: 320-340/13-18

18: 300-330/12-17

21: 270-300/14-8 nearing or into Straits of Dover

Weather...AM rain ending by noon, then mainly sunny/fair PM into evening, then turning cloudy overnight

Seas 2-4 ft (1m) wind waves from NW

Fri Jan 31 – weakening front moves E into central part of English Channel

00: 270-290/ 7-12 in or just exiting Straits of Dover

03: 250-280/ 7-12

06: 250-220/ 6-12 nearing or into Solent

09: 190-220/ 8-16 arrive Southampton

12: 160-190/ 8-16

18: 100-130/ 5-10 or less

Weather...Mainly cloudy, chance for a period of rain or showers

Seas < 2 ft, then building to 3-5 ft (1.1-1.5m) SW swell in central English Channel during the PM

Sat Feb 1

00: 150-180/ 4-8

06: 160-180/ 5-9 depart Ijmuiden

09: 170-190/ 7-11

12: 160-180/ 7-11 near 51 50n/03 30e – hdg SW

15: 130-160/ 5-10

18: 130-150/ 8-14

21: 110-140/10-15 nearing or into Straits of Dover

Weather...Sunny/fair

Seas 1-3 ft (<1m) wind waves from S and SE

Sun Feb 2 - light/favorable SE breeze into English Channel

00: 130-160/ 8-14 in or exiting Straits of Dover

06: 130-160/ 8-14 nearing or into Solent

12: 120-140/ 7-12

18: 100-120/ 6-12

Weather...Sunny/fair

Seas <3 ft (1m)

Mon, Feb 3 – increasing S to SW wind and larger swell heading more W into western part of English Channel

00: 070-100/ 5-10 or less

06: 080-110/ 4-8 depart

12: 170-200/ 5-10 near 50n/ 02 30w

18: 190-220/ 8-13

Weather...Fair to partly cloudy daytime, then mainly cloudy at night

Seas 3-5 ft (1-1.5m) SW swell, building to 8-10 ft (2.5m) W swell during night

Tue, Feb 4 – cold front tracks E into the English Channel

00: 180-200/12-20 and stronger to W

06: 180-200/15-25+

12: 200-230/20-30

18: shift 300-330/17-24 – behind cold front

Weather...Mainly cloudy, a period of heavier rain or showers

Seas 9-12 ft (3.5+m), wind wave and large W swell

Best regards,

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