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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 March to 0000 UTC Thursday 05 March 2015

General Situation

Initially a cold, showery westerly airflow will affect the United Kingdom as an area of low pressure moves eastwards away from northern Scotland. A ridge of high pressure will follow from the west during Wednesday and will persist in the south through Thursday while an Atlantic cold front affects the far north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing west 4 or 5, then south 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, but occasionally very rough at first.

Squally wintry showers then fair, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight in sheltered south, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwesterly later.

Rough or very rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise slight or moderate.

Squally wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in south.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in north.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly veering northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time near northeast Norfolk.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 to 7 veering northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate becoming slight.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing westerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.
Slight, occasionally moderate near headlands.
Fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7 veering northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate becoming slight.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west or southwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.
Slight, occasionally moderate near headlands.
Fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate becoming slight in east, rough or very rough becoming moderate in west.
Squally showers then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West backing southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.
Fair.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough becoming slight or moderate.
Squally showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest and decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest and decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.
Moderate or rough, becoming moderate.
Showers then fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.
Moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest and decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough at first in north.
Squally showers then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first except in Firth of Clyde, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough at first near the Mull of Kintyre.

Squally showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later, occasionally 7 later near Tiree.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough, but high in west at first.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough, becoming very rough or high in west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, but rough or very rough in far south at first.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

High becoming rough or very rough.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 04 Mar 2015 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 04 Mar 2015 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Shallow low over Shetland soon moves away southeast with ridge of high pressure building by Wednesday afternoon, then declining with troughs arriving early Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northwesterly gale force 8

Cyclonic 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in north, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, but briefly gale 8 in far south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers, frequent for a time, becoming fair later in west.

Good, occasionally moderate, perhaps poor for a time.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 Mar until 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Mar:

Northwesterly 5 or 6 backing westerly 4 or 5, then southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 later, perhaps gale 8 in far west.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.

Showers in east soon clearing, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in east, and later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 6, occasionally 7 until mid morning, decreasing 4 to 5 late afternoon, veering north and decreasing 3 to 4 late Wednesday evening.

Rather rough to rough decreasing moderate during the afternoon and slight late evening.

Isolated rain or hail showers, dying out towards dawn.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 to 4, decreasing 1 to 3 early morning, backing west to southwest by mid morning, locally 4 in the north.

Smooth or slight with swell.

Fair or fine.

Good.

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