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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Monday 05 March to 0600 UTC Tuesday 06 March 2012

General Situation

An area of low pressure in the southern North Sea will drift very slowly south, strong to gale-force winds along southeastern coasts gradually easing. A ridge of high pressure will move in from the west before pressure falls again in the west, winds freshening along northwestern coasts.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly at times, 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north, slight at first in Moray Firth.

Fair at first, then rain.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough becoming moderate.

Rain in south, fair in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.
Occasional rain at first in south, otherwise fair.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, veering northeasterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Rain or sleet at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 4 later.

Moderate becoming smooth.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northerly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in east, becoming variable 3 or less later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.

Fair, rain later in west.

Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in north and east.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.
Fair, rain later in west.
Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.
Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough.
Fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair at first, then rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in northeast, becoming variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Smooth or slight at first in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair, then rain.
Moderate or good.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then southerly 4 increasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northwest.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6 later.

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

Wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north, becoming rough or very rough later.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering west 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming mainly very rough later.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Monday 05 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC until Monday 05 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A trough will move northeast away from Shetland and the surrounding waters. A frontal system will then approach the UK from the west later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

West or southwest veering northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Monday 05 Mar until 0600 UTC on Tuesday 06 Mar:

Variable 3 or less becoming south 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to north 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt, locally 7 at first, decreasing 5 overnight and 4 by the morning.

Rather rough to rough, slowly decreasing moderate by morning.

Isolated rain or hail showers, dying out overnight.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northwest 4, soon becoming variable 1 to 3, then southwest in the evening and increasing 4, further increasing 5 or 6 by the morning.

Moderate with a swell, then slight in the afternoon, increasing again overnight.

Fair or fine, becoming cloudy overnight with rain possible by dawn.

Good, becoming moderate in any rain.

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