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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 05 April to 1800 UTC Friday 06 April 2012

#### General Situation

Low pressure to the south of the United Kingdom brings strong winds to southern areas at first. This will slowly sink southwards allowing the winds to ease. Frontal systems across the far north of Scotland will edge south to bring outbreaks of rain to northern areas.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast becoming variable, 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly west, veering northwest later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Mainly good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing northwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, veering northerly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Mainly good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest, veering northeast later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, backing north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first near Lands End.

Occasional showers at first, then fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near Lands End, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later in Bristol Channel.

Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southwest 2 or 3, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch  
24 hour forecast:  
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in south.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 or 5.  
Moderate, occasionally rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 05 Apr 2012 at 1800 UTC until Friday 06 Apr 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Shallow troughs of low pressure will move southeast over Shetland on Thursday and Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northwest veering north 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or sleet.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 06 Apr until 1800 UTC on Friday 06 Apr:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in the east.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in the north.  
Rain or sleet clearing.  
Moderate becoming good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5 in the south, 5 or 6 in the north, decreasing generally 4 by dawn, backing northeast to north tomorrow morning and decreasing 3 or 4 by afternoon.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the north this evening and tonight.  
Isolated showers at first.

Mainly moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4 backing northwest late period.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate to good.

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