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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 01 December to 0600 UTC Friday 02 December
2011

General Situation

A deep low will move eastwards just north of Shetland through Thursday, then away northeastwards. A ridge of high pressure will spread from the west over the United Kingdom but a further deep Atlantic low will track east between Scotland and Iceland later.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 for a time in north, decreasing 5 to 7, becoming variable then southerly 3 or 4 later. Moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly south or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, perhaps storm 10 at times later in north.

Moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high in north.

Wintry showers then rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough for a time near Rattray Head.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4, becoming southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northerly or northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight to moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, becoming cyclonic then northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 at times.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing then southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3, then northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing southwesterly 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate becoming rough.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in east, becoming variable then northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in east.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough later in southwest.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, squally for a time in north.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, veering northwest 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate, becoming slight at times.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate in southeast.

Showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest backing southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.
Mainly moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate in east.
Squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.
Showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly westerly, becoming variable or northerly for a time in north, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times.
Rough or very rough.
Squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in west.
Showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, becoming variable then southwest later, gale 8 or severe gale 9 at first, otherwise 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Mainly rough, but very rough or high in far north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at times later in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north.
Wintry showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, becoming variable then southwest later, gale 8 or severe gale 9 at first, otherwise 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north and west.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at times later in north.
Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high later.
Wintry showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 01 Dec 2011 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 01 Dec 2011 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A deep low to the north of the UK will track northeast past Shetland and into the Norwegian Sea, with a weak ridge building into Shetland and the surrounding waters from the southwest.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Severe gale forec 9, veering westerly and increasing storm force 10 soon, veering northwesterly and increasing violent storm 11 later. Issued at 1553 UTC Wed 30 Nov.

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 veering west or northwest gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time, decreasing 6 or 7 in southwest later. Very rough or high.
Squally showers, turning wintry later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 01 Dec until 0600 UTC on Friday 02 Dec:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwesterly in west later.
Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.
Squally wintry showers, dying out overnight.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor in showers.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7 with gusts to 45 knots, locally variable in the north, decreasing 4 to 5 this afternoon, veering northwest to north this evening, locally 6 to 7, decreasing 3 to 4 around dawn.
Rather rough or rough, decreasing moderate to rather rough, becoming slight to moderate by Friday morning.
Rain or drizzle at times, occasionally heavy, clearing later.
Good becoming moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 2 to 4, backing west to southwest by afternoon, increasing 4 to 6 later.
Slight with a swell, increasing moderate to rather rough later.
Isolated showers, mainly in the north outbreaks of rain and drizzle by Saturday morning.
Good, locally moderate to poor in rain or showers.

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