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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 06 December to 0000 UTC Friday 07 December
2012

General Situation

A weak ridge of high pressure will clear eastwards tonight. The next Atlantic low will push southeastwards across the United Kingdom to be over the southern North Sea by midday Friday, its associated fronts affecting all areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly in east at first, otherwise southwesterly, 4 or 5, backing southerly 6 to gale 8 then becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then easterly 6 to gale 8 in far northeast later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 for a time, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair, then occasional rain or sleet.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair, rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, but slight for a time.
Rain or sleet, then wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
North 5 to 7 backing west 4 or 5, then southwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers then fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally poor, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering north 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8 later, perhaps severe gale 9 in east.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.
Fair, then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 veering north 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain then showers, mainly in east.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair, then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering north 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain then fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming west or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far west.
Fair, then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest veering north 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far west.
Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming west or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.
Showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 veering north 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in far west.

Squally showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering north 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Squally showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering north 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Squally showers, then fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain, showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, then fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, then fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8 then veering west 5 or 6, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate, becoming rough or very rough.
Rain, then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers then fair.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest, then north later, 5 to 7.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain, then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Squally wintry showers, then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest, then north later, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Rain, then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Squally wintry showers, then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 06 Dec 2012 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 06 Dec 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Low pressure will track southeast over Scotland and into the North Sea.

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

Variable 3 or 4 becoming southeast 5 to 7.
Moderate.
Rain later.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 06 Dec until 0000 UTC on Friday 07 Dec:
Southeast backing east 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Rain.
Moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:

North 3 to 4, soon decreasing 1 to 3, becoming variable by dawn and southwest in the morning, increasing 4 to 5 by midday and 6 to 7 by evening, veering southwest to west and increasing 7 to gale 8 later.
Slight, becoming rather rough by evening and rather rough to rough later.
Isolated showers becoming scattered showers in the morning, turning to rain by evening, locally heavy later.
Good, locally moderate in showers, becoming moderate to poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest to west 7 to gale 8, soon veering northwest and decreasing 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 for a time, veering north in the evening and decreasing 5 to 6.
Rough.
Rain, locally heavy, soon clearing squally showers in the morning with a risk of hail and thunder, dying out by afternoon.
Moderate to poor in rain becoming mainly good.

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