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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 05 January to 0600 UTC Friday 06 January 2012

General Situation

As low pressure moves east from the northern North Sea into the Continent, a ridge of high pressure will build, gales and storms at first gradually easing.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high in north, moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in east. Squally wintry showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Very rough at first and later in north, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time near Rattray Head, decreasing 4 or 5 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head.

Squally wintry showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Occasional rain, fair at first and later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in northeast.

Fair at first then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair at first then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough, but high at first in far west, becoming slight or moderate in east.

Occasional rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough at first in far west.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first,
decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain at first, becoming fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in southwest.
Occasional rain, fair at first and later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first,
decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Squally showers at first, becoming fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, fair at first and later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5.
Rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers at first, becoming fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at times, fair later.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first,
decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in east, very rough or high, becoming rough
in north.
Squally showers at first, becoming fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, fair at first and later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Squally showers at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 4 or 5, increasing 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing south or southwest, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first, becoming moderate or rough later in east.

Squally showers at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far south, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, but very rough until later in far south and far north.

Showers, squally at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4, veering westerly 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough at first in far south and far north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first.

Showers, squally at first, becoming fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, veering westerly 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain, fair at first and later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

Valid Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Depression between Shetland and southwest Norway will continue to move away towards the Baltic but a series of troughs still extend over Shetland waters and a ridge of high pressure builds across briefly early Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 imminent (issued 04/1559 GMT)

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland at first, becoming occasionally high in the west.

Squally wintry showers.

Good or moderate, perhaps poor at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan until 0600 UTC on Friday 06 Jan:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in the west, later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in the north and west at first.

Squally wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to gale 8, locally severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt mid-channel at first, veering northwest by afternoon, decreasing 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kt during the afternoon and 5 to 6 by midnight then 4 to 5 by dawn.

Very rough, locally high in the north at first, decreasing rather rough to rough after midnight.

Rain or drizzle clearing soon after midday.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor in rain and drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 to 5 backing west early afternoon.

Moderate to rather rough, with a swell.

Occasional light rain or drizzle from early afternoon.

Good becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

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