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

General Situation

The cold northerly airflow of today will be followed by a weak ridge of high pressure tonight. The next Atlantic low will then move southeastwards across northern areas 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:

Northwesterly in east at first otherwise southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southerly 6 or 7 for a time, becoming cyclonic later.

Moderate or rough, becoming 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:

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

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 backing southwest 6 or 7, becoming cyclonic or westerly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic or westerly, veering northeasterly, 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7, backing northerly 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6 backing south 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough occasionally very rough, becoming moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7 backing southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering north or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight for a time.

Rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in north.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, but perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers in east at first then fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 veering north or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.

Rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 to 7 later.

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

Showers mainly in west then fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in far west.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight in east, moderate in west, but rough in far southwest at first.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then west or southwest 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

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

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering north 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 2 or 3 becoming southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west later.
Mainly slight, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers, rain for a time.
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:
Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry 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 5 later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry 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 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise 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 5 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Showers then fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.

Rough.

Wintry showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Good.

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

Valid Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 06 Dec 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Series of showery troughs moving south in the flow over Shetland until early Thursday. Deep low then moves quickly southeast towards northern Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North or northwest 4 or 5 but 6 at first in east, becoming variable 3 later.
Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers but mainly fair later.

Good but moderate or poor at times mainly at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 06 Dec until 1800 UTC on Thursday 06 Dec:

Variable 3 or soon becoming southeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Mainly fair at first then rain.

Good becoming occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6 decreasing 4 or 5 this evening, veering south and further decreasing 1 to 3 by dawn, then increasing southwest 4 or 5 by midday, 5 or 6 by evening.

Rather rough or rough, decreasing slight overnight, locally moderate by midday, becoming rather rough later.

Scattered showers, rain by Thursday evening.

Good or very good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 increasing 7 during the evening, veering west to northwest around midnight, possibly locally gale 8.

Rather rough, becoming rough.

Rain overnight, then squally showers, risk of hail.

Moderate to good, perhaps locally poor overnight.

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