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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 05 May to 1800 UTC Sunday 06 May 2012

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure extends southeastwards across the United Kingdom. Slow moving fronts, over the English Channel and southeast England, will weaken slowly. An area of low pressure will develop and deepen, just west of Ireland, with fronts crossing some areas on Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near Orkney, veering north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, veering southeast later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Showers, wintry at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming south, 3 or 4, but west 4 or 5 for a time near Rattray Head.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, wintry for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, backing southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming southeast later, 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, veering southeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near North Foreland.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Occasional rain then showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, veering southeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near North Foreland.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then veering southerly.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming south or southwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later near headlands.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast, veering southeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, then veering southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in lyme bay.

Showers, occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, veering easterly or southeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near Lands End.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west, then veering southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in the Bristol Channel.

Showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, becoming variable later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, then veering southwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then veering south 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair then showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming east or southeast 6 or 7, veering south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Fair then rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

Channel

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming east or southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later near the Mull of Galloway.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in the North Channel.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far west.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, veering east, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far west.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, but moderate or rough north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate, occasionally rough at first, north of skye.

Wintry showers, occasional rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Wintry showers, occasional rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

Valid Saturday 05 May 2012 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 06 May 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure Scandinavia maintains a cool, and at times strong, northwesterly flow over Shetland waters. Trough moves southeast over Shetland during Sunday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Northwest backing west 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 06 May until 1800 UTC on Sunday 06 May:
West veering north 5 to 7. decreasing north or northwest 4 later.
Rough or very rough.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 4 by dawn and further decreasing north to northeast 3 tomorrow morning.
Slight to moderate in the south, moderate to rather rough in the north, becoming generally slight tomorrow.
Patchy rain and drizzle, dying out around dawn.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor in rain and drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North to northeast 2 or 3 soon veering east to southeast then south and increasing 4, occasionally 5 by dawn decreasing 2 or 3 on Monday afternoon.
Slight becoming moderate in the north for a time.
Scattered showers on Monday.
Good except in showers.

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