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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Monday 05 March to 0000 UTC Tuesday 06 March 2012

General Situation

An area of low pressure in the southern North Sea will drift very slowly south, bringing strong to gale-force winds along southeastern coasts. A ridge of high pressure will gradually build into western parts through the day.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly at times, 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Moray Firth, occasionally very rough in north.

Wintry showers until later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north, slight at first in Moray Firth.

Fair at first, then rain.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south 5 to 7.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, veering northerly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northerly 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Rain in south, fair in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.
Occasional rain at first in south, otherwise fair.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering northerly 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or sleet.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or sleet at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Moderate becoming smooth.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later in far west.
Moderate becoming slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly becoming variable 3 or 4, then southwesterly 5 or 6 later in west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.
Fair, rain later in west.
Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Bristol Channel.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwesterly 5 or 6 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.

Fair, rain later in west.

Good, occasionally moderate later in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Fair at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in northeast, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers until later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight at first in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then southerly 4 later in northwest.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.
Showers until later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northwest.
Fair, then rain.
Moderate or good.

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Wintry showers until later.
Good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north, becoming rough or very rough later.
Fair, then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5.
Rough or very rough.
Wintry showers until later.
Good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming mainly very rough later.
Fair, then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Monday 05 Mar 2012 at 0000 UTC until Monday 05 Mar 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A trough will move northeast away from Shetland and the surrounding waters. A frontal system will then approach the UK from the west later.

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

Southwest 4 or 5 veering west or northwest 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Monday 05 Mar until 0000 UTC on Tuesday 06 Mar:
West or northwest backing southwest 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.
Showers.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 to 6 with gusts to 40kt, locally 7 at first.
Rather rough to rough.
Isolated rain or hail showers dying out by afternoon.
Good, becoming moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 by dawn becoming variable 1 to 3 in the afternoon.
Rather rough to rough, decreasing moderate by dawn and slight in the afternoon, with a swell.
Fair or fine.
Good.

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