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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 03 April to 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 April 2012

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure will move slowly southwards across England and Wales overnight. Cold conditions with strong to gale force winds and wintry showers will follow from the north, although a ridge of high pressure will move across northern areas during Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6 backing westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8 backing north 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later in north.

Rain or sleet then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, becoming west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 3 or 4 at first in south, otherwise northeasterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate at first in south, otherwise rough or very rough.

Rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Rough becoming slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southerly 3 or 4, becoming easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing southeasterly 2 or 3, then backing northeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming east or northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 in west, then veering northeasterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough west of land's end.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, decreasing 4 at times in east.

Rough or very rough at first in west, otherwise moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first in Bristol Channel, veering northerly or northeasterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times later in west.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough or very rough at first in west, otherwise moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near headlands, then veering northeast later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near headlands.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or northwest later.

Moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in east, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, becoming northwesterly 4 later in north.  
Moderate becoming smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain later.  
Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in Firth of Clyde.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 or 3, becoming west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Mainly good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7 backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing west or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 2 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7 backing north or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate occasionally slight south of skye, moderate occasionally rough at first north of skye.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7 backing north or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north and west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Tuesday 03 Apr 2012 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 04 Apr 2012 at 0600 UTC

## Shetland Isles

### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over Shetland for a time tonight, with fronts moving east across the area on Wednesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 4 or 5 backing northwest 3 or 4.  
Moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 04 Apr until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Apr:

Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 4 or 5 then veering northwesterly in west later.  
Moderate.  
Showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate in showers.

### Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 locally 6, veering northwest by midnight, decreasing 2 or 3 by midday tomorrow, becoming variable then east by evening.  
Moderate becoming rather rough, decreasing slight during tomorrow.  
Outbreaks of rain tonight, clearing to scattered showers.  
Good except in rain or showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 2 or 3 soon increasing 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 in the north.  
Slight to moderate, but rather rough in the north.  
Scattered showers.  
Good except in showers.

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