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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 01 December to 1200 UTC Friday 02 December
2011

General Situation

A deep low to the northeast of Shetland will move away northeastwards this afternoon. A ridge of high pressure will move in from the west across the United Kingdom but will be followed by a brisk westerly airflow during Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing south or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry for a time, rain later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 veering westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in north.

Rain then showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight to moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7 at first in east, otherwise westerly 3 or 4, veering

northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then backing westerly or

northwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain at times, fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 backing southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering northeast for a time, 3 or 4, but increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands.

Slight or moderate becoming rough.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, then backing northwesterly later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming west or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first and again later, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, veering northwest 3 or 4 for a time, then backing west or southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first and again later.

Rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in east.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in north.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first and again later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.
Showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in east.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming west or southwest 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far north.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in north and far south.
Rain then squally showers, wintry later.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming west or southwest 5 to 7 later.
Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.
Rough or very rough becoming high or very high.
Rain then squally showers, wintry later.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

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

Valid Thursday 01 Dec 2011 at 1200 UTC until Friday 02 Dec 2011 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A vigorous low will track northeastwards into the Norwegian Sea.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Severe gale force 9 veering westerly and increasing storm force 10 soon, veering northwesterly and increasing violent storm force 11 later, issued 1553 on Wednesday

Westerly or northwesterly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 decreasing 5 or 6. Very rough or high, occasionally moderate or rough in east. Squally showers, turning increasingly wintry. Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 02 Dec until 1200 UTC on Friday 02 Dec:

Northwesterly backing southerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time, increasing 7 in west later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in east.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 to 6, locally variable 1 to 4 in the north, veering generally northerly overnight, perhaps locally 7, decreasing 3 or 4 around dawn, backing westerly or southwesterly during the morning.

Moderate to rather rough, locally rough at first, becoming slight or moderate by Friday morning.

Occasional rain, locally heavy, clearing overnight to isolated showers.

Good, locally moderate or poor in rain or showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 overnight.

Slight or moderate with a swell, becoming moderate to rather rough, locally rough.

Isolated showers, outbreaks of rain and drizzle after midnight.

Good, becoming moderate or poor in rain or drizzle.

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