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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 03 February to 1800 UTC Saturday 04 February
2012

General Situation

An area of high pressure across the United Kingdom will decline as Atlantic fronts make slow and erratic progress in from the west.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north for a time, veering west 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough north and west of Orkney.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 backing southerly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 in north later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or sleet, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7 veering west or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or snow for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly north or northwest 3 or 4, backing south 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7 veering northwest 4 or 5, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional sleet or snow.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering easterly or southeasterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then snow.

Good, becoming poor or very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly, veering easterly, then southeasterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east until later.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4 veering south 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 then variable 3 or 4, later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain or sleet, snow in east for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor in east for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands at first, becoming variable then south or southeast later.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4 veering south or southwest 5 to 7, veering north and decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain or sleet for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate, then rough in far west later.

Fair, occasional rain in west later.

Good, occasionally moderate in west later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Fair, then occasional rain in west.

Good, occasionally moderate in west later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 then becoming variable 3 or 4, later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing west 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 then backing south or southwest 3 or 4, later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate except in far north.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair, then occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 then backing south or southwest 3 or 4, later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate except in far northwest.
Rain then fair.
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or northwest 5 or 6.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair then occasional rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west or northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 and backing southwest 3 or 4, later.
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 or gale 8 veering west 5 to 7.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far north.
Rain, then showers.
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 or gale 8 veering west 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west later.
Rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.
Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high.
Rain, then showers.
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge will decline ahead of fronts which will bring rain and sleet through Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly severe gale force 9

expected later, issued 0949 on Friday.

Southerly 3 or 4 increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

Southerly 7 to severe gale 9 veering westerly 5 or 6 later in west.

Rough or very rough.

Rain developing with sleet for a time.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

North to northeast 1 to 3, locally 4 at times, becoming variable during the morning, then southerly by early afternoon, increasing 4 to 5 by evening.

Slight, increasing moderate in the north later.

Rain and sleet spreading into the west later.

Good, becoming moderate to poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 6, locally 7 in the north, veering northwest after midnight, decreasing 3 to 5 during the morning, becoming variable 1 to 3 in the afternoon.

Moderate in the south, rather rough to rough in the north, gradually decreasing slight during Sunday, with a swell.

Rain and sleet, locally snow jersey eastwards, clearing during the morning.

Moderate to very poor becoming good Sunday morning.

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