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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 04 December to 0600 UTC Thursday 05 December 2013

General Situation

A developing and then rapidly deepening area of low pressure in the north Atlantic will move eastwards, passing between Scotland and the faeroe islands early tomorrow. This will bring severe gales or storm force winds to much of the United Kingdom tomorrow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west or northwest gale 8 to storm 10.
Very rough becoming high or very high in north, moderate or rough in south.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Poor in north, good occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 7 to severe gale 9.
High or very high in north, rough or very rough in south.
Squally wintry showers.
Poor in north, good occasionally poor in south.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far north.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Slight becoming moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10 veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first.
Moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Fair then rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near Norfolk.

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

Fair then rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, veering northerly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in east.

Moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering north for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West, veering north for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time in Bristol Channel, veering northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Rain for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, backing west or southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate, becoming rough later.
Rain then mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, veering northwesterly 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in north.
Fair then rain, then showers later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in north, veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.
Rain for a time then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Slight or moderate becoming rough.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Rain for a time then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly, backing southwesterly later, 4 or 5 increasing gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later in north.
Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough in south, very rough or high in north.
Rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.
Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time at first, decreasing 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first near the Mull of Kintyre.
Rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest gale 8 to storm 10 later, perhaps violent storm 11 later.
Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.
Squally showers, rain later.
Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 6 to gale 8.
Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time at first in west.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later, perhaps violent storm 11 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far south and far north.
Rain or squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough later in south.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later, perhaps violent storm 11 later.
Moderate or rough becoming high or very high.
Rain or squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
High or very high becoming very rough or high.
Rain then squally wintry showers.
Moderate or poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 04 Dec 2013 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 04 Dec 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong westerly flow becomes Cyclonic later as a vigorous low moves quickly from the west.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8, increasing severe gale force 9 later.

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in the west.

Squally showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Dec until 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Dec:

Westerly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 for a time in the north, then becoming cyclonic gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Very rough or high.

Squally showers, rain or snow later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming west to northwest 3 or 4 by midday, veering north to northeast during the afternoon and increasing mainly 5, locally 6, decreasing 3 to 4 by midnight, then backing northwest and further decreasing 2 or 3 by morning.

Smooth or slight, increasing mainly moderate during the afternoon, decreasing again overnight.

Isolated showers, becoming more frequent in the afternoon, dying out early evening.

Moderate to good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to west 2 or 3, increasing 5 or 6 during the morning, locally 7 in the north, decreasing 4 or 5 after midnight.

Slight, moderate to rather rough by afternoon, locally rough mid-channel.

Fair, becoming cloudy in the afternoon with the risk of a light shower overnight.

Good, perhaps moderate in showers later.

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