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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 04 May to 1800 UTC Saturday 05 May 2012

General Situation

Pressure will remain low to the south and the east of the United Kingdom and high to the northwest. Between these systems, a cool northerly or northeasterly airflow will affect most areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in northeast.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north, backing northwest 3 or 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Firth of Forth.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, becoming mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later, then becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 4 or 5 for a time.

Rough becoming moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, then fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or showers, mainly in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in north.

Occasional rain in south.

Good in north, otherwise moderate or poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Smooth or slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming mainly moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly east 3 or 4, becoming northeast 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight, becoming moderate in west.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast, backing southeast later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for time.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing north later, 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate for a time in southwest.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, but 6 or 7 at first in far northwest, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northwesterly, veering northeasterly, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing northerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northwesterly, veering northeasterly, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in shelter.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Smooth or slight in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly, backing westerly or southwesterly for a time, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight south of skye, moderate or rough north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Smooth or slight south of skye, moderate north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly, backing westerly or southwesterly for a time, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight in south, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 04 May 2012 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 05 May 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure over Scandinavia will maintain a strong, and rather cool, north to northwesterly flow over Shetland waters.

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

North 6 or 7, backing northwest 5 occasionally 6.

Rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 05 May until 1800 UTC on Saturday 05 May:

Northwest 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Rough. decreasing moderate in the east later.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4, increasing 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt early tomorrow.

Moderate becoming rather rough or rough.

Rain, locally heavy, with mist patches.

Moderate to very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, soon decreasing 4 or 5, backing north 3 or 4 by midday Sunday and 2 or 3 by evening.

Rather rough or rough moderating slowly.

Rain and drizzle clearing during Sunday morning.

Moderate to poor becoming good.

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