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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 05 May to 0000 UTC Friday 06 May 2011

General Situation

An area of low pressure over the Atlantic will slowly move eastwards, gradually spreading more unsettled and at times rather windy conditions across the United Kingdom during the next few days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in Moray Firth, increasing 6 later towards Orkney.

Smooth at first in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering south later, 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 until later in far northeast.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Forth.

Slight becoming mainly moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Forth.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Easterly veering southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly, veering southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Mainly slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4.

Mainly slight.

Thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in east, increasing 6 at times in far west.

Moderate west of Lizard Point, mainly slight to east.

Showers for a time, mainly in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 in far west.

Moderate west of Lizard Point, mainly slight to east.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, decreasing 3 at times in east.

Slight east of Swansea to Plymouth, mainly moderate to west.

Showers for a time, mainly in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, decreasing 3 at times in east.
Slight east of swansea to lynmouth, mainly moderate to west.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in north, increasing 6 at times in west and south.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west and south, decreasing 3 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.
Slight, occasionally moderate, but smooth at times in Liverpool Bay.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.
Slight, occasionally moderate, but smooth at times in Liverpool Bay.
Rain or thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southeast 4 or 5.
Mainly moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times in

Firth of Clyde.
Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Clyde.
Slight, occasionally moderate south of Arran.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west and south.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 north of Skye, southeasterly 5 or 6 to south.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate south of Skye.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.
Smooth or slight north and east of Skye, slight or moderate to south and west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or southeasterly, 3 or 4 in north, 5 or 6 in south.
Slight or moderate in south, smooth or slight in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.
Smooth or slight near Sutherland, otherwise slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 05 May 2011 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 05 May 2011 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weak ridge over Shetland will decline as an Atlantic depression pushes a frontal system northeast over Scotland.

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

Variable 2 or 3 becoming southeast 4 or 5.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 May until 0000 UTC on Friday 06 May:

Southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

South to southeast 2 to 4, becoming east or variable for a time in the afternoon and early evening.

Mainly slight.

Fair, isolated showers at first mist patches near coasts by dawn.

Mainly moderate, locally poor in the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 2 to 4.

Slight with a low swell.

Fair scattered thundery showers by Friday afternoon.

Moderate to good, locally poor Friday afternoon.

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