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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 04 December to 1800 UTC Wednesday 05 December
2012

General Situation

A front lying across northern England and southern Scotland will move southwards with a cold northerly airflow then spreading southwards across all areas. A weak ridge of high pressure will cross from the west Wednesday night before the next Atlantic low and associated frontal system moves in on Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

In inner Moray Firth, northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 backing southwesterly 4 or 5, otherwise northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later except in southeast and far northeast.

Moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far northeast and far southeast at first, backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then rain or sleet.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 except in firths of Tay and Forth.

Moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, then rain or sleet.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north or northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or sleet, then squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northeast, backing north or northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or sleet then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain or showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.

Squally wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4, then northerly 5 or 6 later.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, squally at first, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight near shore otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4, then north 5 or 6 later.

Mainly slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, squally at first, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight near shore otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, veering northerly later, mainly 4 or 5 in far east until later otherwise 5 to 7, but mainly 7 or gale 8 in far west at first.

Mainly slight near shore east of the Lizard, otherwise moderate or rough, but rough or very rough in far west.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate, but rough in far west at first.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly veering northerly, 4 or 5 in far east otherwise 5 to 7, but becoming variable 4 for a time at first east of Ilfracombe and the Gower. Slight in sheltered east otherwise moderate or rough. Showers, squally at first. Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7.
Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.
Showers then fair, rain later.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering north 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, squally at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming mainly slight for a time.
Showers then fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 4 in south at first otherwise north or northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 4 increasing 5 or 6, backing north or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight, becoming moderate for a time.
Showers at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 6 or 7, veering west or northwest later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast backing north or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 5 to 7, veering west later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Fair then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 5 to 7, veering west later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or less later, then southwest 3 or 4.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic or northwest later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then rain or sleet.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or less later, then southwest 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic or northwest later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then rain or sleet.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

Valid Tuesday 04 Dec 2012 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A cold north or northeasterly flow over Shetland with a complex low moves across the East Shetland Basin moving south overnight.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Cyclonic 4 at first in southeast otherwise northeast 6 or 7, but gale 8 at times in east, decreasing 5 later in west.

Rough occasionally moderate at first.

Wintry showers, but fair in east later.

Good, but moderate or poor at times.

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

Northeast 5 to 7 soon backing north or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough, perhaps very rough for a time in east.

Wintry showers, mainly in west.

Good, but moderate or poor at times in west.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt, occasionally 7, backing west for a time late evening, veering northerly late Wednesday morning.

Rather rough in the north to rough in the south.

Squally rain and hail showers with a risk of thunder, dying out Wednesday afternoon.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt, decreasing 3 or 4 by midnight, becoming variable 1 to 3 around dawn then southwest 4 or 5 by midday and 5 or 6 by evening.

Rough to rather rough, decreasing overnight, becoming slight in the morning with swell.

Fair, risk of a shower Thursday morning, perhaps some rain by Thursday evening.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

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