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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 01 January to 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 January
2013

General Situation

A west- to northwesterly airflow has become established across the British Isles associated with a ridge of high pressure. As this ridge moves away to the east, an Atlantic weather system will replace it during tomorrow, bringing strengthening winds for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Showers at first, then rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough at times north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, backing south or southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers at first, occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle later in west.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, mainly rough in west.
Fair at first, then occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later west of land's end.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near St Davids Head.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Fair, then rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 or 6, backing south or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in north.

Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, then occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, then south or southwest 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Showers, then rain or drizzle at times.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 3 or 4, backing south or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
Slight or moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.
Showers, then rain or drizzle at times.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing west 3 or 4, then south or southwest 5 to 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, then rain or drizzle at times.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Tuesday 01 Jan 2013 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression northeast of Shetland will slowly fill. A ridge of high pressure will move east over Shetland on Wednesday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northwesterly gale force 8

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing west 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in the northwest.
Showers dying out.
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 02 Jan until 1800 UTC on
Wednesday 02 Jan:
West 3 or 4 backing south 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later, then veering southwest
6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Good becoming moderate.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 to 4 by dawn, backing
southwest increasing 4 to 5 during the morning, veering west in the afternoon,
occasionally 6 in the north.
Moderate to rather rough becoming slight for a time.
Occasional light rain or drizzle from later morning to mid-afternoon.
Good, locally moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 to 5, locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 3 to 4 overnight,
backing southwest in the morning, further decreasing 2 or 3 later.
Moderate, locally rather rough in the north at first, becoming slight with
swell.
Risk of a little drizzle overnight.
Good, perhaps occasionally moderate to poor overnight.

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