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

#### General Situation

An unseasonably cold northeasterly flow will be maintained between high pressure to the northwest of the United Kingdom and low pressure over the near Continent. The wind will always remain strongest across the south.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly north or northeast 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in south.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in north.

Slight, becoming moderate in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, mainly in south.

Good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first in south.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east, backing north or northeast 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around headlands, backing north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around headlands, decreasing 4 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.  
Fair.  
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in north.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing north or northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Mainly slight, but occasionally moderate in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in southeast.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northeasterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.  
Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

The Minch  
24 hour forecast:  
Mainly northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4 later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers in north.  
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath  
24 hour forecast:  
Mainly northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4 later.  
Slight.  
Showers in north.  
Good.

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

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
High pressure will remain over Shetland waters, although a trough moves south over the area on Thursday morning.

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

Northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in the east.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 04 Apr until 0600 UTC on Friday 05 Apr:  
Northeast becoming variable 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in the east at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Isolated showers.  
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 6, locally 7 in the north with gusts to 45kt, increasing 6 to 7 later this afternoon.

Moderate to rather rough in the south, rather rough to rough in the north and west.

Scattered wintry showers outbreaks of rain or sleet by Friday morning.

Good, locally moderate to poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kt, decreasing 5 to 6 in the evening.

Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate to rather rough later.

Occasional rain or sleet, clearing Friday afternoon.

Moderate or poor in rain or sleet, becoming good.

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