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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

Areas of low pressure over the North Sea will move south and west during Saturday. High pressure over Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom by Sunday.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, then backing northerly in north and westerly in south.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly in south at first otherwise northerly 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 in south at first otherwise east or northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, backing westerly in north later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 in south at first otherwise westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 veering northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north, becoming slight in south later.

Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly later, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast later.

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 in far west.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

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

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then easterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 until later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough in far west later.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering easterly or northeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 backing west 4 or 5, then veering east or northeast 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, backing north later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, backing north or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, backing north or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, backing north or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north and west at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northerly, 3 or 4.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in south, moderate or rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northerly, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight in south, slight or moderate in north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 to 4, locally 5 in the north at first this morning, decreasing 2 to 3 in the afternoon, becoming variable 1 to 3 by evening, then southeast 3 to 4 by morning, locally 5 in the west.

Slight locally moderate for a time at first and on Sunday morning.

Fair periods and scattered wintry showers, becoming isolated by afternoon.

Good or very good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast to east 3 to 4 locally 5 in the west, backing east 4 to 5 by evening, further backing northeast on Monday.

Slight to moderate becoming mainly moderate by Monday.

Fair periods and isolated wintry showers, becoming scattered especially in the north by Monday.

Mainly good.

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

Valid Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure to the south of Shetland will move away south, with a weak ridge building into the northern UK.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale force 8 in operation at time of forecast issue.

East or northeast becoming cyclonic 4 or 5.

Rough, occasionally moderate later.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan until 0600 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan:

Cyclonic 4 or 5 becoming north or northeast.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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