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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 02 February to 1200 UTC Thursday 03 February 2011

General Situation

Intense areas of low pressure will bring very unsettled and very windy conditions to the United Kingdom during the next few days with the prospect of very stormy winds at times in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times, backing southerly later.

Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 or violent storm 11 for a time in north, decreasing 6 to gale 8 later.

In east, moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, in north, very rough or high, occasionally very high.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in north, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough towards Rattray Head.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Moderate.
Occasional rain then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, then fair later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in east.
Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain then fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in far west.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in southwest.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later in northeast.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times, decreasing 4 for a time.

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

Rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, backing southerly later.

Mainly moderate in east, rough or very rough in north.

Rain, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in north, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Rough in southeast, very rough or high in north, occasionally very high in northwest.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwest 6 to gale 8, veering westerly 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough in south and far northwest.

Rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, backing south later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high later.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, backing southerly later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north and far south.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly at times, gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time, perhaps hurricane force 12 for a time in northwest, decreasing 5 later.

Rough, but very rough or high in south and far north.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, backing southerly later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high later.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly at times, gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time, perhaps hurricane force 12 for a time in northwest,

decreasing 5 later.
High or very high, becoming phenomenal for a time in west.
Rain or squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 02 Feb 2011 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low tracking northeast across Iceland with the strong or gale force southwesterly winds pushing a series of fronts across Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwest gale 8.

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing occasionally 5 in south.
Rough or very rough in east, but high in west and building very high in far west later.
Rain soon clearing to showers, but further rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb until 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing occasionally severe gale 9, but 5 at first in southeast.
High or very high in west, very rough occasionally high in east, but moderate or rough close to more sheltered east Shetland coast.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 in south to 6 in north, veering westerly 4 late evening and decreasing 3 or 4 by dawn, backing southwesterly by midday.
Slight in south to rough in north, decreasing slight or moderate overnight.
Occasional light rain and drizzle, becoming persistent this evening, clearing by midnight mist and risk of fog patches at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5 by evening, increasing 5 to 7 on Friday.
Moderate or rather rough, increasing rather rough or rough, with a swell.
Fair.
Mainly good.

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