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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1200 UTC Friday 03 February
2012

General Situation

An anticyclone will become centred over the United Kingdom. Fronts will develop over the North Sea during Friday. Atlantic fronts will also make eastwards progress across northern areas during Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Fair then rain and snow.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later near Rattray Head.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Rain or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming west, 3 or 4.

Slight occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Rain and snow later in north.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later in north.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East, veering west later, 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southerly or southeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers later in east.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, veering easterly or southeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east.

Snow showers for a time in east.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near headlands, decreasing 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near headlands.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast, veering east or southeast, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, veering southeast 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering south or southwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later near Lands End.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in north.

Wintry showers then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south or southwest later, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering south 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

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

Fair then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering south or southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in North Channel.

Fair then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering south 5 or 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough later in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering southwest, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near Tiree.

Fair then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, but slight near Raasay and northern waters of Skye.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Rough, occasionally very rough later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2012 at 1200 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia over the North Sea to the British Isles. A frontal trough covers Shetland at first.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Rough, but moderate in east.

Rain or sleet dying out.

Moderate or good.

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

West or southwest 3 or 4.

Rough, but moderate in east.

Fair.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 6, decreasing 4 to 5 this evening, veering northeast to east 3 to 4 by dawn.

Moderate in the south, rather rough in the north, locally rough at first, decreasing slight to moderate overnight.

Isolated wintry showers Friday morning.

Good locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3 by evening, then mainly southerly overnight, increasing 2 to 4 by afternoon.

Slight, decreasing smooth for a time.

Isolated wintry showers dying out during the evening.

Good locally moderate in showers.

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