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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 01 February to 1800 UTC Saturday 02 February
2013

General Situation

A strong northerly flow affects the United Kingdom at first, with some wintry showers affecting eastern areas. A building ridge of high pressure over the western Atlantic will eventually bring more settled conditions and lighter winds during Saturday. Frontal systems will return from the west on Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first in Moray Firth, becoming rough or very rough later.

Rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in shelter.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering west or northwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Rough.

Wintry showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, veering north or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough.

Showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Rough, becoming moderate.

Wintry showers at first, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, occasionally wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly, backing southwesterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Wintry showers at first, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly 5 to 7 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain then showers, wintry later in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers at first in east, then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first in east.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in west, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate in lyme bay, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough at first near Lands End.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End.

Fair, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough at first near Lands End.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing west or southwest 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Fair, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.
Mainly slight.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7, veering west 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.
Slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in northwest.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering west 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally smooth.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, backing southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Mull of Kintyre.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Occasional showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later, then backing southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Occasional showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later, then backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 01 Feb 2013 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A northerly airflow covers Shetland on Friday. It will ease on Saturday as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in the northeast.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in the north.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 02 Feb until 1800 UTC on Saturday 02 Feb:

North 5 to 7 backing northwest 4.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in the south.
Wintry showers dying out.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, soon increasing 5 or 6, locally 7 by midnight, veering north by dawn, decreasing mainly 5 by midday and 4 or 5 by evening.
Moderate to rather rough, perhaps locally rough overnight.
Scattered rain or hail showers, dying out in the morning.
Good, locally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 or 4, locally 5 at first, backing west by morning and southwest to west 5 or 6 by midday.
Moderate with a swell, locally rather rough on Sunday.
Rain and drizzle spreading from the west during Sunday morning.
Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

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