

Issued by the Met Office at 1100 UTC on Sunday 02 January 2011

Ser. No. 59

Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Sunday 02 January to 1200 UTC Monday 03 January 2011

General Situation

High pressure, centred west of Scotland at first, will drift southeastwards to northern France by midday Monday. A small area of low pressure area will move across the southwest of England and Wales early Monday and into Tuesday while a deepening low pressure becomes slow moving between Scotland and Iceland, bringing rain and strong winds to northern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times later, perhaps gale 8 for a time later in northwest.

Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in south.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4.

Mainly rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, decreasing 3 or 4.

Mainly rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 later in north.
Slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Occasional rain or sleet.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northerly becoming variable then mainly southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in east.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southerly, becoming variable or northerly later in west, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in east.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly becoming variable or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later in west.
Mainly slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Rain or showers later in west.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly becoming variable or northerly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 for a time at first in west.
Mainly slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly easterly or southeasterly becoming cyclonic 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 at times later in east.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far west.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northerly, then variable later in east, 3 or 4, occasionally 5, but southeasterly 6 at first in east.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in east.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming northerly in far southwest, otherwise easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight in east, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first in far southwest.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly becoming variable then mainly westerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers in far south.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Showers, rain later in north.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly becoming variable then westerly 3 or less, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming mainly moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or less, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or smooth.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Smooth or slight, becoming mainly moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later in northwest.

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

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.
Smooth becoming slight in east, moderate or rough in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Showers then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, but 7 or gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north at first and far south later.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly becoming variable then southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time later, veering westerly later in west.
Moderate or rough.
Showers then rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in east, otherwise westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 occasionally 6.
Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Sunday 02 Jan 2011 at 1200 UTC until Monday 03 Jan 2011 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

The ridge will decline allowing fronts to= move across from the west, with a depression developing near Faeroe during Monday morning then moving slowly southeast.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northwest 4 or 5 backing west 5 or 6.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first in north and east.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Monday 03 Jan until 1200 UTC on Monday 03 Jan:

West or southwest 5 or 6.

Rough.

Rain.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor later.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

East to southeast 2 to 4, veering southeast to south, increasing 4 by dawn, locally 5 during the morning.

Slight, locally moderate in the north and west later.

Some rain, mainly in the west mist or fog patches near french coasts, especially in the morning.

Good, locally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 to 5, perhaps 6 in the west at first, veering southwest 2 to 4 in the evening, becoming variable overnight, then southerly 3 to 5 by midday.

Slight to moderate with a low swell, locally rather rough in the northwest for a time.

Occasional rain, risk of sleet in the south for a time, dying out overnight.

Good, but moderate to poor in rain and any sleet.

(c) Crown Copyright 2011