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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 03 February to 0000 UTC Friday 04 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:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.

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

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time in north, backing southwesterly 5 or 6.

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

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Squally showers then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10.

Moderate, occasionally rough towards Rattray Head.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Occasional rain, then fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 backing southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west later.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 backing southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in southwest later.

Occasional showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in southwest.

Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high near St Davids Head.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 6 or 7, backing south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.
Mainly moderate in east, rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in north.
Moderate or rough in southeast, very rough or high in north, occasionally very high in northwest.
Showers, then 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:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.
Moderate in south, rough or very rough in north.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in north.

Moderate or rough in south, otherwise rough or very rough.

Showers, then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 6 to gale 8 increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11.

Rough or very rough, becoming high.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest becoming cyclonic, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west.

Squally wintry showers or rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 later.

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

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

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

Squally wintry showers or rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

High or very high, becoming phenomenal for a time in west.

Squally wintry showers or rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

The strong or gale force west or southwesterly airflow will strengthen further on Thursday with a very deep Atlantic low tracking northeast close to Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale 8 increasing severe gale 9 imminent and increasing violent storm 11 later (issued 02/1543 UTC)

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Very rough or high building very high in northwest, but moderate or rough close to eastern Shetland coast.
Squally showers, isolated thunderstorms, merging to rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb until 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Feb:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 backing south or southeast for a severe gale 9 or storm 10 perhaps violent storm force 11 in the west, decreasing southwest gale 8 or severe gale 9 towards end of period.
Very rough or high perhaps very high in west and moderate or rough close to east Shetland at first.
Squally wintry showers soon clearing, heavy rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to southwest 4, locally 5 at first, decreasing 3 to 4 overnight, backing southwest to south increasing 4 to 5 in the afternoon then 5 to 6 in the evening, locally 7 mid-channel later.
Moderate to rather rough becoming slight to moderate, then moderate in the south to rough in the north later.
Rain in the southeast of the area very soon clearing.
Good but moderate to poor in rain at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South to southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in the north of the area.
Moderate to rather rough in the south, rough in the north.
Risk of a little drizzle in the morning.
Good, perhaps locally moderate.

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