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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 05 May to 0600 UTC Friday 06 May 2011

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure over the Atlantic will gradually spread more unsettled conditions eastwards across the United Kingdom during the next few days.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in Moray Firth, but increasing 6 at times towards Orkney.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly later, 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 at first in far northeast.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Forth.

Slight, becoming mainly moderate.

Occasional rain or showers later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Forth.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times around headlands.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers for a time.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time around headlands.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Easterly veering southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly, veering southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Thundery showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands.

Mainly slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 around headlands.

Mainly slight.

Thundery showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in east, increasing 6 at times in far west.

Moderate west of Lizard Point, mainly slight to east.

Showers for a time, mainly in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 at first in far west.

Moderate west of Lizard Point, mainly slight to east.

Rain or thundery showers, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, decreasing 3 at times in east.

Slight east of Swansea to Lynmouth, mainly moderate to west.

Showers for a time, mainly in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west, decreasing 3

at times in east.  
Slight east of swansea to lynmouth, mainly moderate to west.  
Rain or thundery showers, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in west and south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers, mainly fair later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west and south, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair, then rain or thundery showers, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.  
Slight, occasionally moderate, but smooth at times in Liverpool Bay.  
Rain or thundery showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.  
Slight, occasionally moderate, but smooth at times in Liverpool Bay.  
Rain or thundery showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southeast 4 or 5.  
Mainly moderate.  
Occasional rain, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers, fog patches developing later in east.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later in east.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Clyde.  
Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel, decreasing 3 at times in Firth of Clyde.  
Slight, occasionally moderate south of Arran.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west and south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly, 3 or 4 north of Skye, 5 or 6 to south.  
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate south of Skye.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.  
Smooth or slight north and east of Skye, slight or moderate to south and west.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or southeasterly, 3 or 4 in north, 5 or 6 in south.  
Slight or moderate in south, smooth or slight in north.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.  
Smooth or slight near Sutherland, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 05 May 2011 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 05 May 2011 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weak ridge over Shetland will decline as an Atlantic depression pushes a frontal system northeast over Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Southeast 4 or 5, but variable 3 or less in the east at first.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 May until 0600 UTC on Friday 06 May:

East or southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally slight at first.  
Rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands  
24 hour forecast:

Mainly south to southeast 2 to 4, locally variable with sea breezes.  
Slight.  
Fair with mist patches near coasts at first, risk of thundery showers in the west of the area from afternoon.  
Moderate to good, locally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South to southeast 2 to 3, locally variable with sea breezes, increasing 3 to 4 overnight.  
Slight with a low swell.  
Fair scattered thundery showers developing.  
Mainly moderate to good.

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