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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 03 January to 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 January
2012

General Situation

West to northwest winds will bring sometimes squally showers then rain to all areas, accompanied by gales or severe gales at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough, occasionally high in northwest.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering north or northwest, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

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

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, backing southwest for a time later, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 near Rattray Head at first, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northwest, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in south.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.
Occasional rain, then showers.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers at first, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 in northeast for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in northeast.

Occasional rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers for a time, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers for a time, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in west, but moderate in shelter.

Showers for a time, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in southwest.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in far north at first, decreasing 5 or 6 for at time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate.
Squally showers at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time in north.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, squally showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly, but cyclonic for a time in north, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in south, decreasing 6 for at time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate.
Squally showers then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming westerly gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Squally showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 or 7, increasing gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in north.
Squally wintry showers then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in northeast.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in north.
Occasional rain then squally 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:

Westerly, veering northwesterly for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Very rough or high, but rough at times in east.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.

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

Occasional rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

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

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 at times later.

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

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northerly or northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in south, decreasing 5 for a time later in far north.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in far south.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very deep low over the North Sea will continue to east to reach the Skaggerak by Wednesday. Another low moves east past the south of Iceland during Wednesday towards Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: STORM FORCE 10 BACKING NORTHWESTERLY AND DECREASING SEVERE GALE FORCE 9 IMMINENT

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in the south and east at first.

Very rough, occasionally moderate or rough close in to lee of east Shetland.

Rain, soon squally showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, backing westerly 5 or 6, later southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 in north.

Very rough, occasionally moderate or rough off east Shetland.

Wintry showers, later rain in the south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 or 7, locally gale 8 at first, backing west to southwest on Wednesday.

Rough to very rough, locally high at first.

Fair periods and isolated showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 6 or 7, increasing 7 to gale 8 with gusts to 50kt overnight, veering west to northwest Thursday morning decreasing 4 or 5 by evening.

Rough or very rough, moderating on Thursday.

Patchy rain, clearing Thursday morning.

Mainly good.

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