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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 03 January to 0600 UTC Friday 04 January 2013

General Situation

Gales will affect the far north at first as a depression moves northeast to the southeast of Iceland. A large area of high pressure centred over the bay of Biscay will move slowly east into western France, the westerly or southwesterly flow across the United Kingdom becoming southerly in the west on Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing south or southwest and decreasing 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough north and west of Orkney, slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Mainly fair until later, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair at first, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, occasionally smooth.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle at first, otherwise fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, backing southwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later in far west, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough near Isles of Scilly.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Rough near Isles of Scilly, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Moderate, becoming rough later near Lands End.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, but variable 3 or less in eastern Bristol Channel.

Moderate, occasionally rough near Lands End.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times in Liverpool Bay.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in southeast.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in North Channel.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, backing south for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
Very rough in far west, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest backing south 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times in south.
Moderate or rough, but very rough in far west.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north, backing southwesterly 5 to 7.
Mainly moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.
Fair then rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.
Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north, backing southwesterly 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough.
Fair then rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A depression north of Shetland will move east into northern Norway later on Thursday as a ridge of high pressure crosses Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly severe gale force 9

West 7 or gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in the northwest, but moderate just east of Shetland.
Fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Jan until 0600 UTC on Friday 04 Jan:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough in the east, very rough in the west.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 to 5, perhaps locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 3 to 4 by midday, backing west to southwest this afternoon.

Slight, locally moderate in the north at first.

A little drizzle at times, risk of coastal fog patches.

Moderate to poor, perhaps very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 2 to 4.

Mainly slight, with a swell.

Rather cloudy, risk of a little drizzle at times.

Moderate to good, perhaps poor in drizzle.

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