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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 05 May to 1200 UTC Sunday 06 May 2012

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure extends southeastwards across the United Kingdom, with slow moving fronts over the English Channel and southeast England slowly weakening. Another area of low pressure, just west of Ireland, will deepen on Sunday, with fronts crossing some areas during Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later near Orkney, then decreasing 4 later. Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough later north of Orkney.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southeast later, 3 or 4.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first north of Orkney.

Wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near Rattray Head, becoming variable 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Firth of Forth.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Rough, becoming moderate.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near North Foreland, veering easterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near North Foreland.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain then showers in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly, veering southeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first near North Foreland.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in east.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then veering southerly later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6, decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast, veering east, 4 or 5, then veering south 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, veering easterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in west.

Showers, rain for a time in east.

Good, occasionally moderate in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, veering southeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west, then veering southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far south.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later, then veering south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in south.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

North, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in far north.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming east or southeast 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast, becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Fair then rain and showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, becoming southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later near the Mull of Galloway.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough later.
Fair then rain and showers.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far west.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, veering southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later near Mull of Kintyre.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Showers.
Good.

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in far north.
Smooth or slight south of skye, but moderate in north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly, veering easterly, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight south of skye, otherwise moderate, becoming rough later in north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in far north.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly, veering easterly, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 05 May 2012 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 06 May 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Low pressure over Scandinavia maintains the cool, and at times strong, northwesterly flow over Shetland waters.

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

Northwest 5 or 6.
Rough.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 06 May until 1200 UTC on Sunday 06 May:
West or northwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time.
Rough.
Wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 to 5, occasionally 6 with gusts to 35kt in the north this afternoon, backing north decreasing mainly 4 overnight, then 3 tomorrow morning.
Slight to moderate in the south, moderate to rather rough in the north, becoming generally slight tomorrow.
Persistent rain and drizzle becoming patchier overnight, then dying out around dawn.
Moderate to good, occasionally moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 2 or 3 veering east to southeast in the evening, then south by dawn increasing 4, occasionally 5.
Slight becoming moderate in the north.
Scattered showers on Monday.
Good except in showers.

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