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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 05 April to 0000 UTC Friday 06 April 2012

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure off southwest England will move away slowly southwards during the next 24 hours, as very windy conditions across parts of England and Wales slowly decrease. A ridge of high pressure across Scotland will edge southwards, introducing quieter conditions.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, backing west 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north or northeast, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less then west 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming west then north 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less then southwest 3 or 4.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming southwest 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, backing north 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers at first then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing westerly or northwesterly, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, showers later.

Mainly good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers at first then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, backing northerly 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Mainly slight.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers at first then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 backing northwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 west of Lands End, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally in west at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 backing north 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, backing northerly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate but rough at first in west.

Rain or showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west, backing northwesterly 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 6 or 7, backing northerly 3 or 4.  
Moderate or rough becoming smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain at first in south, otherwise then fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate in south at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast backing northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first near pembrokeshire.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north later.  
Fair then rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south at first, becoming variable 3 or less then westerly 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate becoming smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 2 or 3, becoming west then northwest 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less then west 3 or 4.  
Moderate or rough becoming smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough  
24 hour forecast:  
North 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less then northwest 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 at first in east, otherwise northwesterly 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
East 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less then northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain or drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in North Channel.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
North backing west 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering north later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly veering northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north at first.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west and north of the Outer Hebrides.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering northeast later.  
Rough at first west and north of the Outer Hebrides, otherwise moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 05 Apr 2012 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 05 Apr 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Low pressure will track south or southeast past the East Shetland Basin and into southern Scandinavia.

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

West or southwest veering northwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 Apr until 0000 UTC on Friday 06 Apr:

Northwest 5 or 6 veering north or northeast 4 or 5.  
Moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East to northeast 3 or 4, soon increasing 4 or 5, locally 6 north of guernsey.  
Slight becoming moderate to rather rough.  
Scattered showers.  
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north decreasing 2 to 4.  
Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight.  
Risk of a shower.  
Good.

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