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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 May to 0600 UTC Friday 03 May 2013

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will spread from the Atlantic across northern parts of the United Kingdom in the coming days, whilst high pressure remains dominant over southern and central parts.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 5 or 6, then cyclonic 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming north or northwest 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough to the north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Rattray Head.

Showers, then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast, becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Rattray Head.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Rain later in north.

Good, occasionally moderate later in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast, veering west later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly veering westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6 at first south of Lowestoft, otherwise variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight, becoming moderate.
Occasional rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west, veering westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, veering south or southwest 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest, then cyclonic later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northerly later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far north and far south.

Occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, backing northwest 4 or 5, then backing southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north and far south.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northerly later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, backing northwest 4 or 5, then backing southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

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

Valid Thursday 02 May 2013 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 May 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea will move away towards the North Cape. Another low will track northeast towards the UK.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northwesterly gale force 8 in operation at time of forecast issue.

West or northwest 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4.
Rough.
Wintry showers then rain.
Good, occasionally poor, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 May until 0600 UTC on Friday 03 May:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.
Rough.
Rain.
Moderate.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast to north 3 to 4, backing north to northwest during the afternoon and decreasing 2 to 3, further backing northwest to west 1 to 3 by the morning.
Mainly slight.

Some patchy light rain mainly in the south and east of the area, dying out early afternoon.

Good, locally moderate in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to west 2 to 3, backing southwest in the evening and increasing 4 in the north of the area, perhaps locally 5 later.

Slight, locally moderate in the north later.

Fair becoming cloudy in the afternoon risk of a little rain or drizzle by Saturday.

Good, locally moderate.

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