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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 04 May to 1200 UTC Saturday 05 May 2012

General Situation

Pressure will remain low to the south and the east of the United Kingdom and high to the northwest. Between these systems, a cool northerly or northeasterly airflow will affect most areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later in north.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 3 or 4 later.

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

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less.

Rough becoming moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near North Foreland later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, showers later in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 in north.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in north.

Occasional rain in south.

Good in north, otherwise moderate or poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in east.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in east, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly east 3 or 4, becoming northeast 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable, then southeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate later in west.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, veering southeast later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, fair later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in southwest.
Occasional rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, becoming variable, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in southwest.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers at first otherwise fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times in far northwest, backing north 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.
Rain at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable, mainly northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing northerly 3 or 4 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel, becoming smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northeasterly, backing northwesterly for a time, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight in shelter.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly northwesterly, veering northeasterly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in north.

Smooth or slight in shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable or cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate south of skye, moderate or rough north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in southwest.

Smooth or slight south of skye, moderate north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable or cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in south.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in southwest.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 04 May 2012 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 05 May 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure over Scandinavia will maintain a strong, and rather cool, north to northwesterly flow over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northern gale force 8.

North backing northwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 05 May until 1200 UTC on Saturday 05 May:

Northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4, increasing 5 to 6 this evening locally 7 in north and west, locally variable 2 to 3 in south in morning.

Slight increasing moderate this evening, locally rather rough in the north and west later.

Mist and fog patches outbreaks of rain spreading from the south this afternoon, becoming persistent by evening, perhaps locally heavy overnight.

Moderate to very poor, locally good at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 6, locally 7 guernsey northwards, cyclonic variable 2 to 3 in the south at first, becoming generally north to northeast 4 to 5 by morning.

Moderate to rather rough, locally rough, decreasing slight to moderate by morning.

Rain and drizzle, locally heavy at first, clearing overnight.

Moderate to poor becoming good.

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