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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 02 February to 1800 UTC Sunday 03 February  
2013

#### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure currently lying across the British Isles will move away southeastwards and will be followed by the next Atlantic frontal systems moving in from the west.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5 backing south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, then veering west or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 or 6 increasing gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 in north.

Moderate or rough in south, but very rough or high becoming very high in north.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Poor in north, otherwise moderate or good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, perhaps gale 8 for a time later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, then increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Rough becoming moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Moderate.  
Occasional rain, wintry showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers, rain at times later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 in north.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Occasional rain then fair.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, perhaps gale 8 later in east.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain at times later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Moderate, occasionally rough.  
Occasional rain, becoming fair later.  
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Moderate.  
Rain at times, becoming fair later.  
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 3 or 4, then increasing 5 or 6.  
Rough at first near the Isles of Scilly, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers at first in west, occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Moderate, becoming rough or very rough west of Lizard Point.  
Rain at times, becoming fair later.  
Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3, then backing west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, occasionally slight in Bristol Channel.  
Showers then rain at times.  
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7.  
Moderate becoming rough.  
Occasional rain then fair.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair then rain at times.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 5 or 6 veering westerly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.  
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair then rain at times.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7 veering west 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.  
Rain at times, showers later.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain for a time.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.  
Fair then rain at times.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 5 to 7 veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.  
Slight becoming moderate in east, moderate or rough becoming very rough or high in north.  
Rain at times then squally wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 increasing 4 or 5, then increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7 veering west 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough, but very rough later near the Mull of Kintyre.

Rain at times then squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7 veering west 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times.

Moderate or rough becoming high or very high.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7 veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time in far north.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high except near skye, occasionally very high later in far north.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7 veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time in far north.

Rough or very rough becoming very high or phenomenal.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

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

Valid Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 03 Feb 2013 at 0600 UTC

## Shetland Isles

### General Situation

Weak ridge of high pressure builds over Shetland for a short time Saturday evening. Low then tracks east to the north of Shetland on Sunday with fronts moving across from morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly severe gale force 9 expected soon.

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 backing southerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering westerly 6 to gale 8 later, perhaps severe gale 9 in northwest. Rough or very rough.  
Mainly fair at first then rain, perhaps sleet or snow for a time.  
Good occasionally moderate, perhaps poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb until 1800 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first in northwest, decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain then squally wintry showers, mainly fair later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

### Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3 around midnight, backing west 3 or 4 by dawn, then southwest 4 or 5 during the morning, locally 6 in the north, veering west in the afternoon.  
Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight for a time overnight.  
Occasional light rain and drizzle spreading from the west during Sunday morning.  
Good, becoming moderate, locally poor in rain or drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, locally 6 in the north at times, veering northwest Monday morning and increasing 5 or 6, further increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Moderate to rather rough, becoming rather rough to rough.  
Occasional light rain and drizzle clearing mid-morning scattered rain or hail showers in the afternoon.  
Moderate to poor, becoming good Monday morning except in showers.

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