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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

High pressure centred mid Atlantic will maintain a ridge over much of the United Kingdom through the rest of Thursday and Friday. Meanwhile, a low will move southwards through the North Sea during Friday morning, to be centred in the southern North Sea by Friday evening.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate near Rattray Head.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight, but moderate at first near Rattray Head.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, veering northeast, then veering southeast later, 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, backing northwesterly 4 or 5. Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, veering north 5 or 6, then veering northeast 4 or 5 later. Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwesterly later.

Moderate for a time, but slight near shore.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northerly, then northeasterly later, 5 or 6. Slight.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwesterly later.

Moderate for a time, but slight near shore.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northerly, then northeasterly later, 5 or 6. Slight.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in west.

Slight, becoming moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally for a time in far west.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in southwest.

Slight, but moderate in west.

Fair, rain later.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4.
Slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Fair, occasional rain later in north.
Good, occasionally moderate later in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 3 or 4, veering north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.
Slight, becoming moderate in north later.
Occasional rain in north, otherwise mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, veering northeast 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.
Mainly fair at first, then showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, veering north, then northeast 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight later.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
Variable 2 or 3, becoming northwest 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Fair, then occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate in north.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Variable 2 or 3, becoming northwest 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Fair, then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Variable 2 or 3, becoming northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, veering northeast later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 west of Outer Hebrides.
Slight or moderate, but rough west of Outer Hebrides.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 west of Outer Hebrides, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough west of Outer Hebrides.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 west of Outer Hebrides.
Smooth or slight, but occasionally moderate south of skye.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 west of Outer Hebrides, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, but occasionally moderate at first south of skye.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 6, locally 7 at first with gusts to 40 knots, decreasing 4 to 5 tonight, backing northeast to north 2 to 4 by midday and north to northwest later.
Moderate to rather rough, gradually becoming slight.
Fair or fine.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 3 to 4, veering northeast Saturday morning and increasing 4 to 5 later.
Slight, becoming slight to moderate.
Fair or fine risk of a shower Saturday morning.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 04 Mar 2010 at 1800 UTC until Friday 05 Mar 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A developing low will track southwards down the North Sea during the next 24 hours.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

West or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough.
Rain clearing for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 05 Mar until 1800 UTC on Friday 05 Mar:

Northwesterly 5 or 6 decreasing variable 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

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