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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 05 January to 0600 UTC Thursday 06 January
2011

General Situation

A complex low pressure system will cover northern parts of the United Kingdom with a deepening low becoming slow moving northeast of Shetland by early Thursday, bringing strong winds or gales and snow showers to northern coasts. Meanwhile, a complex frontal trough will become slow moving close to southern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming north or northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times later in north.

Mainly moderate or rough, becoming high in north.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Rough in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough or high.

Squally snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 at times later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Rain or showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in south.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, decreasing 3 or 4 later in south.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Mainly moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly southwesterly veering northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 or 6, becoming variable then northeast 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable then northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northeasterly 3 at first in east, otherwise 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in west, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in west, becoming slight in east.
Rain or showers, mainly fair later in north.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly veering easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in far southwest.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.
Occasional rain in south.
Good, occasionally moderate in south.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly, veering northerly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Rain or showers, squally for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly, veering easterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, decreasing 3 later in north.
Mainly moderate, becoming slight in north.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly veering northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Rain the squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly, becoming variable later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.
Mainly moderate, occasionally rough in south, becoming mainly slight in north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 5 or 6.
Mainly moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly becoming cyclonic then northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in north, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in north.
Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, becoming

variable 3 or 4 later.
Mainly moderate in southeast, otherwise rough or very rough.
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:
Southerly becoming cyclonic then northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Mainly southerly becoming cyclonic then northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough.
Squally snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.
Squally showers, wintry later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly backing westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough in south, but very rough or high in north.
Squally snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Mainly rough or very rough, becoming high in north and west.
Squally showers, wintry later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly backing westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Very rough or high, but rough at times in south.
Squally snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 05 Jan 2011 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 05 Jan 2011 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression west of the Outer Hebrides will move slowly southeast. Another depression will develop near Orkney on Wednesday morning and drift slowly northeast.

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

Southeast becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 05 Jan until 0600 UTC on Thursday 06 Jan:

Cyclonic becoming northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in the west.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in the north and west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6, decreasing 4 to 5 later this afternoon, becoming cyclonic variable 2 to 4 overnight, then locally southwest 5 in the southeast of the area.

Moderate to rather rough, locally rough in the north of the area, becoming slight to moderate overnight.

Occasional rain becoming more persistent and heavy overnight with mist or fog patches.

Good becoming moderate to poor, perhaps very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic variable 3 to 5, becoming mainly southerly 4 to 6 overnight.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough.

Rain, locally heavy with mist and fog patches.

Moderate to very poor.

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