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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Sunday 01 January to 1800 UTC Monday 02 January 2012

General Situation

A strong westerly or southwesterly airflow covers the United Kingdom. A deepening area of low pressure will approach from the southwest on Tuesday, potentially bringing stormy conditions for a time. The low is expected to be centred near the Moray Firth by midday Tuesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north, perhaps very high for a time later near Cape Wrath.

Squally showers, becoming wintry.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9 later, perhaps storm 10 later, becoming northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but high for a time in north, and later in far east.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers, becoming wintry.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9 later, perhaps storm 10 later, becoming west or northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but slight at first in south.

Wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers, rain at first in south.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, but 4 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough, but very rough for a time in south.

Fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering westerly, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers, drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, backing southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later, then veering westerly 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, backing southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, then veering westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of the Lizard peninsula.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, backing southwest gale 8 or severe gale 9, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in the Bristol Channel, occasionally high later near Lands End.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near St Davids Head.

Squally showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but high for a time near St Davids Head.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, backing south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later, then veering west 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps increasing severe gale 9 for a time in north.

Moderate or rough, but very rough, occasionally high in north.

Squally showers, becoming wintry.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, backing southerly 7 to severe gale 9 for a time, perhaps storm 10 for a time later in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but very rough, occasionally high in north.

Rain or squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near Mull of Kintyre.

Squally showers, becoming wintry.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, backing southerly 7 to severe gale 9 for a time, perhaps storm 10 for a time later in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 7 or gale 8.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high later in west.

Squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, backing south or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, then veering west or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first near Tiree.

Squally, wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high in south and far north, and very high later in far south.

Squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9 for a time, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high in south and far north, and very high for a time in far south.

Squally, wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high.

Squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9 for a time, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Very high, becoming high, occasionally very rough later.

Squally, wintry showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Sunday 01 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC until Monday 02 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex low pressure near Iceland will maintain the strong southwesterly airflow across Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west later, but moderate close to east Shetland.

Blustery, wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Monday 02 Jan until 1800 UTC on Monday 02 Jan:

South 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first.

Very rough in east, mainly high in west, but very high in far west later.

Blustery, wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 5 to 6, backing southwest 6 to 7 with gusts to 45 knots Monday morning, veering west to northwest by afternoon.

Rough becoming very rough.

Rain or drizzle and coastal fog patches soon clearing, then scattered rain or hail showers developing, becoming more frequent for a time in the morning.

Moderate to good, but poor or very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kts, backing southwest by evening, increasing 7 to gale 8 by morning, perhaps severe gale 9 in the north, starting to veer northwest by Tuesday evening.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, dying out occasional rain or drizzle from around midnight, locally heavy Tuesday afternoon.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

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