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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 04 January to 1200 UTC Thursday 05 January
2012

General Situation

A deep Atlantic low will move eastwards, passing to the north of Scotland this evening. As a consequence the very strong and mainly westerly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will swing round to become northwesterly.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7 veering west then northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough or high.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing west 4 or 5, backing southwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but high for a time in north.

Squally showers then fair, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, then northwest later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, backing westerly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in north.

Squally showers for a time in north.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times, veering northwesterly later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or showers, squally at times later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in north.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in east.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 near headlands.

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

Squally showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first west of the Lizard peninsula, becoming moderate in Lyme Bay.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Squally showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later. Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first, becoming moderate in Bristol Channel.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times, perhaps storm 10 for a time later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west or northwest later, 7 or gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 or gale 8 backing west then southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west then northwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times.

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

Rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in far north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north for a time.
Squally showers then fair, rain later.
Good, but poor at first in far north, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west then northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times, decreasing 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4, then backing west 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.
Squally showers, then fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west then northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times, decreasing 5 to 7 later.
Very rough or high, occasionally very high for a time in far northwest.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.
Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in far northwest.
Squally showers, then fair, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west then northwest, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north and south.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high for a time in far north and south.
Squally showers, then fair, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west then northwest, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.
High, occasionally very high later in south.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 3 or 4,

backing southwesterly 5 or 6 later.
High, becoming very rough later.
Squally showers, then fair, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression will move east across Shetland this evening. A strong northwest airflow will follow on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: NORTHWESTERLY SEVERE GALE FORCE 9 DECREASING GALE FORCE 8 IMMINENT, INCREASING SEVERE GALE FORCE 9 LATER, issued at 04/0358

West 5 to 7 becoming cyclonic then northeast 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, but very rough in the west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan until 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan:
Northeast 4 or 5 backing northwest gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.
Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in the east.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to 7, soon increasing 7 to gale 8, locally severe gale 9 with gusts to 60 knots in the north after midnight, veering northwest around midday.
Rough becoming very rough, locally high later.
Occasional rain or drizzle from later this afternoon.
Moderate to good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to gale 8 with gusts to 50 knots, decreasing 6 to 7 by evening and 4 to 5 by the morning.
Very rough gradually moderating to become rather rough to rough.
Rain or drizzle in the south at first.
Mainly good.

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