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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

General Situation

Areas of low pressure over the North Sea will move south and west during Saturday. High pressure over Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom by Sunday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5 in south and west at first, otherwise easterly 6 to gale 8 becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 veering east or northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, backing northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 4 or 5 then veering northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwest later.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwest later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north, becoming slight in south later.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly in north later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly in south at first, otherwise easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4 veering east 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming east or northeast 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then easterly 4 or 5 in west later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then easterly 4 or 5 in far southwest later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 in east at first, otherwise easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough in far west later.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, veering northeasterly 5 or 6 in north later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 in south at first, otherwise easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 backing west 4 or 5, veering east or northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, backing north later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering east or northeast, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the

North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering east or northeast, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering east or northeast, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, decreasing smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7 veering northeast 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north and west at first.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, but mainly northerly or northeasterly 4 in north and west.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7 veering northeast 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in south, moderate or rough in north.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, but mainly northerly or northeasterly 4 in north and west.

Smooth or slight in south, slight or moderate in north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 2 to 4 backing northwest, increasing 4, locally 5 in the north for a time in the morning,

veering northerly 1 to 3 by evening, locally variable in the south.

Slight locally moderate for a time in the morning.

Isolated wintry showers, becoming more widespread for a time around dawn.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 1 to 3 becoming southeast to east on Sunday increasing 4 to 5 by evening.  
Smooth becoming slight, locally moderate later.  
Isolated wintry showers, more especially in the north.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure to the south of Shetland will move away south, with a weak ridge building into the northern UK.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Easterly severe gale force 9 in operation.

East 6 to gale 8 decreasing east or northeast 4 or 5.  
Rough, occasionally very rough at first.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan until 0000 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan:

East or northeast becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.  
Rough becoming moderate.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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