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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 02 December to 1200 UTC Friday 03 December
2010

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will sink southwards across the United Kingdom today and tonight with a new low becomes established near northern Scotland by Friday, its associated frontal system then moving eastwards across all areas during Friday and Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or snow later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, increasing occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or snow.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, snow later.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing southwest, 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, veering west 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less.

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

Snow or wintry showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less backing southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, becoming variable 3 or less.
Moderate or rough.

Snow or wintry showers, squally at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Snow or wintry showers, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Mainly fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional snow, becoming mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional snow, wintry showers in far west, becoming mainly fair except in far west.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain or showers, wintry at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 or 6 in northwest later.

Slight in east, moderate in west.

Wintry showers, occasional snow in east at first then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight in Bristol Channel, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, wintry at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain or showers, wintry at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, wintry at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 or 6 later.

Mainly moderate.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less then southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 in west later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers or snow.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Showers, wintry at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers, snow later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight, increasing moderate for a time.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming south or southwest 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight becoming moderate.
Mainly fair rain or snow later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 or 6, veering northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, increasing rough for a time.
Rain or showers, wintry at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming south or southwest 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north later.
Mainly fair then rain or snow.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, soon veering northwest 5 or 6.
Smooth in shelter north of skye, otherwise slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south for a time.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming south or southwest 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Mainly fair then rain or snow.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, soon veering northwest 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 02 Dec 2010 at 1200 UTC until Friday 03 Dec 2010 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A ridge will decline as a shallow low tracks into Shetland during Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

South 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, veering southwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers at first.
Good occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 03 Dec until 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Dec:

Southwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Good or moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast to north 5 to 6, locally 7 in the north of the area this afternoon and evening, locally 3 to 4 in the southeast of the area this afternoon, decreasing 3 to 4 by tomorrow morning, backing northwest to west 2 to 3 by midday.
Slight in the southeast at first, otherwise moderate to rather rough, perhaps locally rough for a time, decreasing moderate later.
Sleet or snow showers, prolonged and heavy at times with a risk of thunder, becoming scattered tonight and isolated by the morning.
Moderate to good, locally poor or very poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 4, backing southwest to south in the afternoon and increasing 5 to 6 by midnight.
Slight to moderate, increasing moderate to rather rough, locally rough in the north.
Risk of a shower at first becoming cloudy by evening with outbreaks of rain from later in the evening risk of mist or fog patches by morning.
Good becoming moderate to very poor in rain later.

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