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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 03 February to 0000 UTC Saturday 04 February
2012

General Situation

An anticyclone has become centred over England bringing light winds for a time to all but northwestern areas. Low pressure and associated fronts will develop over the North Sea during Friday while Atlantic fronts make eastward progress across northwestern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in north and far east later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north and far east.

Occasional rain or sleet, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later in north.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet for a time.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight becoming smooth.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Snow showers, then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.
Rain or snow later.
Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time, veering easterly or southeasterly 4 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in southeast.
Snow showers at first and later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in north.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in southeast.
Occasional snow.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, backing northerly or northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time later in east.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in far east.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, veering southerly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east at first.
Rain or snow later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight.
Rain or snow later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in east.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time, veering west later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair, then rain or sleet.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6 for a time, veering southwest 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough near Lands End.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 later in northwest.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South, veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Fair then rain.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers in north.
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, veering northwesterly later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair then occasional rain or sleet.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in south.
Occasional rain, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in North Channel.

Fair then rain or sleet for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far south.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, veering west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later in west.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 0000 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia to Britain. A weather front remains slow moving over the East Shetland Basin.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Westerly 4.

Slight to moderate in the east. rough decreasing moderate in the west.

Mainly fair. Occasional rain in the east.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

Westerly 4, backing south 5 or 6.

Slight to moderate.

Mainly fair. Patchy rain in the east.

Good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4, occasionally 5 with gusts to 30kt at first, decreasing 2 or 3 during the afternoon, backing north in the evening.

Moderate becoming slight.

Isolated wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 to 4 veering east to southeast decreasing 1 to 3 by midday, further veering south in the afternoon increasing 3 to 4, then 5 to 6 in the evening.

Slight becoming moderate later, locally rather rough in the north.

Risk of a wintry shower at first rain or sleet in the evening.

Good becoming moderate to poor later.

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