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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 02 February to 0600 UTC Friday 03 February
2012

General Situation

High pressure will develop across the United Kingdom, continuing to bring a very cold fresh to strong easterly airflow across southern coastal areas today, while many other parts will have light or moderate winds throughout Thursday and at first on Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later in northwest.

Sleet at first in northeast.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in northeast at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally later in north.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers until later.

Good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in north.

Slight becoming smooth.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers until later.

Good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west or northwest 4.

Slight becoming smooth.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or less.

Moderate becoming slight.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in south.

Smooth or slight.

Snow showers at first, snow later in east.

Good, occasionally poor at first and later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in east, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, light icing at first in east.

Snow showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in east.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in east.

Snow showers in east at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less.

Slight becoming smooth.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in southeast, decreasing 3 or less in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in east.

Fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in north and east.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in southwest.
Rain later near St Davids Head.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Smooth, becoming slight.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4.
Smooth.
Wintry showers later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain later in north.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
Southeast, veering south or southwest, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Occasional rain later.
Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
Variable, becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in north.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later.
Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain for a time.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly, veering southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in North Channel.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later.
Smooth or slight.
Rain for a time.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 later in northwest.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough northwest of Tiree.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain for a time.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far south.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.
Moderate or rough.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in west.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia over the North Sea to the British Isles. A frontal trough covers Shetland at first.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight later just east of Shetland.
Rain dying out.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb until 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

West or southwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, but slight just east of Shetland.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 6, locally 7 at first with gusts to 45 knots mainly in the north and west of the area, decreasing 4 to 5 this evening and 3 to 4 by morning and veering northeast to east.

Moderate to rather rough in the south and rough in the north, becoming slight to moderate later.

Fair or fine, locally rather cloudy at times in the north and west with the risk of a wintry shower.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to east 3 to 4, decreasing 2 to 3 by early afternoon, becoming variable or westerly 1 to 3 in the evening.

Slight to moderate becoming smooth or slight.

Isolated wintry showers in the north of the area, dying out during the evening.

Good except in showers.

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