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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 04 April to 0600 UTC Thursday 05 April 2012

General Situation

An area of low pressure over England and Wales will gradually sink southwards during the next two days. However, very windy conditions will persist across England and Wales during Wednesday and into Thursday. A ridge of high pressure edging southwards will gradually introduce quieter conditions from the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, backing west or southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5, then north 5 or 6 later.

Slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Wintry showers, then mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 for a time in north.

Moderate, becoming slight later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Very rough, becoming rough.

Occasional rain or sleet then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3, becoming west or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Mainly fair, occasional rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Very rough becoming rough.

Rain or sleet, then mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough, becoming moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time in north.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 4, becoming northeasterly 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, becoming northeast 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly veering northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 until later in far west.

Mainly slight east of the Lizard, moderate west of the Lizard, but rough or very rough towards Lands End.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate east of the Lizard, rough or very rough, becoming moderate west of the Lizard.

Showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly veering northeasterly 5 to 7, but gale 8 or severe gale 9 until later in west.

Moderate in east, becoming rough or very rough in west.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough or very rough at first in west, otherwise moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly veering northeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in west.

Moderate or rough, but very rough southwest of aberystwyth until later.

Rain or wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, becoming fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable, then northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3, then west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 4 or 5, then northwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers then fair, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight south of skye, moderate or rough north of skye.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, veering northwest 4 or 5.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, veering northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough until later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Apr 2012 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 04 Apr 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure over Shetland will soon decline with a west to northwest flow becoming established. A series of frontal troughs will move southeast across the area during the day.

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

Northwest 3 backing southwest 3 or 4 this morning, veering west to northwest 4 occasionally 5 this afternoon.

Moderate.

Outbreaks of rain from late morning.

Good but moderate at times in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Apr until 0600 UTC on

Thursday 05 Apr:

Northwest 4 occasionally 5 backing west 3 or 4.

Moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 4 to 5, locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 2 to 3 by midday, becoming variable in the afternoon, then east 3 to 4 by midnight, increasing 5 to 6 by dawn.

Moderate to rather rough decreasing slight for a time in the afternoon.

Occasional showers.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to northeast 5 to 6, locally 4 jersey southwards until Thursday afternoon.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the north.

Isolated showers, mainly in the west.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

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