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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0000 UTC to 0000 UTC

#### General Situation

Pressure will remain high to the west of the United Kingdom, linking to a developing area of high pressure over Scandinavia by Thursday with pressure falling to the south of the British Isles.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southeasterly in east, 2 or 3, increasing 4 at times, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, slight in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 or 6.

Moderate, slight in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain or drizzle then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle then showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor becoming good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering east or southeast later, 2 or 3, increasing 4 at times.

Slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast becoming variable 3 or less, then north or northeast, 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Westerly becoming variable, 2 or 3.

Slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southeast 2 or 3, backing northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

In north, westerly veering easterly or northeasterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later, in south, northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south.

Mainly slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 in west.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4 in west, occasionally 5 in east.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly northerly 2 or 3, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate in west, otherwise smooth or slight.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest becoming variable, then northeast later, 3 or 4.

Moderate in west at first, otherwise smooth or slight.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3.

Smooth or slight in east, moderate in west.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 2 or 3, veering northeast 3 or 4.  
Moderate in west at first, otherwise smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering north or northeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 around St Davids Head.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly veering northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west later.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain, fair later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, veering north or northeast 4 or 5.  
Slight.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5.  
Slight in south, moderate in north.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north later.  
Slight in south, moderate in north.  
Occasional rain then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth with shelter, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering north, 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, veering north later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering north later, 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly 5 or 6.

Moderate.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor at first, becoming mainly good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering north later, 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate in both far north and far south.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly 5 or 6.

Slight but moderate in both the far north and far south.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor at first, becoming mainly good.

The Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast to north 3 to 4, backing north to northwest during the morning.

Slight to moderate.

Scattered light showers in the evening.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to north 2 to 4, veering north to northeast by Thursday afternoon.

Slight to moderate.

Scattered light showers.

Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 05 May 2010 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 05 May 2010 at 1200 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

A shallow depression will move southeast close to Shetland on Wednesday. A ridge of high pressure will then build over the Norwegian Sea.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southeast 3 or 4 veering south or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later in the northwest.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 05 May until 0000 UTC on Thursday 06 May:

Southwest veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in the north.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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