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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 August to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 August 2010

General Situation

Low pressure over the North Sea and to the north of Scotland with a northwesterly flow across much of the United Kingdom.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less in Moray Firth later.

Slight, but moderate north and west of Orkney, occasionally rough near Cape Wrath at first.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing southeast 4 or 5, but variable 3 or less in Moray Firth at first.

Slight, but moderate north and west of Orkney.

Showers at first, rain later.

Mainly good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly westerly 3 or 4.

Slight.

Rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 in north at first, otherwise westerly backing southeasterly, 4 or 5.

Slight becoming moderate later.

Fair, rain later.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in south, backing westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, becoming fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, backing southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers at first, then fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, thundery at first, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West backing southwest, 4 or 5.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, backing westerly later.
Slight or moderate.
Thundery showers at first, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west later 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Fair then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 5 or 6, backing westerly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in far west.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.
Fair then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 4 or 5.
Moderate, decreasing slight in east.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in far west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far southwest.
Fair then occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing westerly, 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Showers becoming fair later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 or 3, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel at first, backing westerly 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.
Showers becoming fair later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 3 or 4, backing southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, veering southwesterly later.
Moderate.
Fair, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers then mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5,
decreasing 3 for a time.
Moderate.
Fair, then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, mainly fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, then veering southwesterly.
Moderate or rough.
Mainly fair, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate, occasionally rough in far north and far south.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 4 or 5.
Moderate, occasionally rough at times in far north and far south.
Showers at first, fair for a time, then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, backing easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Showers at first, fair for a time, then rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 04 Aug 2010 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 Aug 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A shallow low will remain slow moving near the Faeroes tonight and tomorrow as another low tracks into southern Norway.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4.
Slight to moderate.

Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Aug until 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Aug:

South backing southeast 3 or 4.
Slight to moderate becoming slight.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 by dawn tomorrow, backing w in the afternoon.
Rather rough becoming moderate.
Risk of a shower overnight and at first tomorrow.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 backing southwest on Friday 2 to 4.
Slight to moderate with a low swell.
Occasional light rain or drizzle Friday afternoon with a risk of coastal fog patches.
Good becoming moderate to very poor on Friday.

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