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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

#### General Situation

Pressure will remain high across the North Sea. A more intense area of high pressure will develop west of Ireland by Thursday, with fronts close to western parts of the United Kingdom gradually weakening.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later in north.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Rain or wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate around Rattray Head.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate around Rattray Head.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southeasterly 3 or 4, backing northerly later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or less, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southeast, backing northeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Rain or showers later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 3 or 4, backing northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, but 5 to 7 in south at first, backing northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in east.

Mainly moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate decreasing slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast, backing northeast, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 around headlands.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast, backing northeast, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, backing east or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight, but moderate for a time around St Davids Head.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, backing east 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, backing east 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwesterly 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3.  
Slight but moderate for a time in west.  
Fair.  
Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable becoming northwesterly 3 or less increasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate occasionally rough.  
Showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Mainly slight, but occasionally moderate in far north and far south.  
Showers later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far north later.  
Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East to northeast 5 to 6, locally 4 to 5 south of jersey, and locally 7 with gusts to 35knots in the north  
Thursday morning and perhaps towards mid channel at first this afternoon.  
Moderate, locally rather rough to rough in the north and west.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 5 to 6, perhaps locally 7 with gusts to 35 knots at first, gradually decreasing 3 to 4 by the morning.  
Moderate, locally rather rough to rough in the north and west, becoming slight to moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 03 Mar 2010 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 04 Mar 2010 at 0000 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over Shetland on Wednesday. A frontal trough will move east over Shetland on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northerly becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 04 Mar until 1200 UTC on Thursday 04 Mar:

Variable 3 becoming south or southwest 4, perhaps 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good.

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