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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 02 January to 0600 UTC Thursday 03 January  
2013

#### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure is currently moving eastwards across the United Kingdom but this will be followed during Wednesday by Atlantic fronts and a westerly airflow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 increasing 5 to 7, then veering west or southwest, occasionally gale 8 later near Orkney.

Rough becoming very rough north and west of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate.

Rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7 backing south 4 or 5, then veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, otherwise mainly moderate.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or drizzle for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near headlands.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in west.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Rain then occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate, occasionally slight.  
Occasional drizzle, fog patches.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then mainly fair.  
Moderate or poor becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain then mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South veering southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6 veering southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Tiree.  
Rain then drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Tiree.  
Fair then rain at times.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later in south.  
Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.  
Rain then drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.  
Fair then rain.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later in south.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain then drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.  
Rough or very rough.  
Fair then rain.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure briefly extends over Shetland. Low reaching Iceland will push fronts across Shetland from later this afternoon.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8 expected later

West 3 or 4 backing south 5 to 7, then veering southwest 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain soon.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 02 Jan until 0600 UTC on

Thursday 03 Jan:

Southwesterly 5 or 6 veering westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in north and west.

Rain soon clearing to a few squally showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, locally 5 in the north, backing westerly or southwesterly by midday, increasing generally 4 or 5 in the afternoon, perhaps occasionally 6 in the north this evening.

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Moderate, locally rather rough.

Risk of patchy light rain or drizzle this morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4, locally 5 at first, soon decreasing 3 or 4, further decreasing 2 or 3 overnight.

Moderate becoming slight, with swell.

Risk of a little drizzle overnight.

Good, perhaps occasionally moderate or poor overnight.

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