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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 January to 1800 UTC Thursday 03 January  
2013

#### General Situation

A large area of high pressure will persist over biscay with a westerly or southwesterly flow across the United Kingdom. Gales will affect the far north at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near Orkney, backing southerly later 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough in north and west, slight or moderate in south and east.

Rain or drizzle at first and later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north and west.

Rough or very rough in north and west, slight or moderate in south and east.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair in Moray Firth.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair but occasional rain or drizzle for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, occasionally rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southwest later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain drizzle at first and later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair.  
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.  
Slight.  
Mainly fair, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Occasional drizzle, fog patches developing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Isles of Scilly.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5 in west.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Isles of Scilly.  
Occasional drizzle, fog patches.  
Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly backing southerly later in west, 4 or 5, but mainly 3 in Bristol

Channel.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional drizzle, fog patches.  
Moderate or poor, 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.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate.  
Occasional drizzle, fog patches.  
Moderate or poor, 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.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing south or southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, but rough near Lough Foyle.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest backing south 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Tiree.  
Rain or drizzle, becoming fair for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest backing south 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Tiree.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.  
Rain or drizzle, becoming fair for a time.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain or drizzle, becoming fair for a time.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
A trough over Shetland waters will soon clear east as a low tracks into the Norwegian Sea overnight.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly severe gale 9

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 7 or gale 8.  
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.  
Rain at first.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 03 Jan until 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Jan:

West 7 or gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough becoming rough.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 3 or 4 Thursday morning.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the north.

A little rain or drizzle at times, risk of coastal fog patches.

Moderate to poor, perhaps very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 or 4, becoming mainly 3 by midnight.

Slight, with a swell.

Rather cloudy, risk of a little drizzle at times.

Moderate to good, perhaps poor in drizzle.

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