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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 02 March to 1800 UTC Saturday 03 March 2012

#### General Situation

High pressure across the United Kingdom will decline as low pressure in the Atlantic makes gradual eastward progress, bringing strong to gale-force winds into all northern and western coastal areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly, veering westerly or southwesterly at times, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough at times in north.

Rain at first, wintry showers later in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering south 3 or 4 later.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west or northwest, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain later.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering northwest later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, becoming smooth later.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in east.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain or drizzle.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight, becoming smooth later.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly, veering southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Fog patches, occasional rain or drizzle.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 3 or 4, veering southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain or drizzle.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3, veering northerly 5 or 6 later in west.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast, veering south or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.

Fog patches, rain for a time, then showers.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, veering north 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough west of the Lizard.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest, 4, increasing 5 to 7 at times.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Fog patches, rain for a time, then squally showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering north or northwest, 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.  
Rain for a time.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly 5 or 6, veering southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fog patches, rain for a time, then showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in north.

Showers, then rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Fog patches at first, rain for a time, then showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming mainly westerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering southwest later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, veering west or northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly, veering west or northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Rain then showers, turning wintry.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering westerly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain for a time, then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain then showers, turning wintry.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering west or northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, becoming cyclonic for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly, becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in south, but 4 at first in north.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far south.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, becoming southwesterly 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly, becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later in south, but 4 at first in north.  
Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, becoming southwesterly 4 at times.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in southwest.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 03 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strengthening south-easterly airflow is developing over Shetland waters as a

ridge declines and a frontal trough approaches Scotland from the west.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue.

Southeast 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair, occasional rain at first.

Mainly good, occasional moderate in the west.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar until 1800 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar:

Southeast 6, increasing gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9.

Rough, becoming very rough.

Fair at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast to south 2 to 3, veering south to southwest 3 to 4 this evening, increasing 4 to 5 by dawn, perhaps locally 6 for a time in the north, veering southwest by midday, decreasing 3 to 4 jersey southwards in the afternoon.

Smooth or slight, increasing slight to moderate overnight.

Mist or fog patches with occasional drizzle then rain for a time early morning, clearing mid-morning to fair slight risk of a shower in the afternoon.

Moderate to very poor becoming good during the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 2 to 4, locally 5 in the north at first, perhaps becoming cyclonic variable around midday then becoming northwest to north 5 to 7 in the afternoon, perhaps locally gale 8.

Slight to moderate with a swell, becoming rough to very rough.

Outbreaks of rain by dawn, locally heavy, clearing by evening.

Good becoming moderate to poor in rain.

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