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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

Areas of low pressure will continue to affect the United Kingdom with a generally northerly or northeasterly airflow persisting.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 at first in south, otherwise northeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, but occasionally high at first in northwest.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, but becoming cyclonic at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 veering northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north later.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, becoming variable 3 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5 veering northeast 5 to 7.

Rough occasionally moderate.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, perhaps occasionally gale 8.

Rough.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or less, veering northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, perhaps occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming northeasterly 5 or 6 in far north later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, increasing moderate or rough in north.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 becoming variable 3 or less, then southeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or snow.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly backing northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 in west.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Occasional sleet or snow.

Good occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming cyclonic then northeast 5 to 7.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional rain or snow.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Occasional sleet or snow.

Good occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, then veering north or northwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Mainly slight, but moderate in far west.

Occasional sleet or snow.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, perhaps occasionally gale 8 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.

Sleet or snow at times.

Good occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming north or northwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later,

veering northeast later.  
Smooth or slight in east, slight increasing moderate in west.  
Occasional sleet or snow.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, occasionally 4 later.  
Slight in east, mainly moderate in west, but occasionally rough in far southwest.  
Sleet or snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly 4 or 5 veering northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in west.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional sleet or snow.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps occasionally gale 8 at first in west.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 4 or 5 veering north or northeast 5 or 6.  
Slight, but moderate in southwest.  
Sleet and snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest veering north or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.  
Moderate occasionally rough decreasing slight or moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, veering north or northeast 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, increasing rough at times.  
Sleet and snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.  
Sleet and snow showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first in North Channel.  
Fair.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
North 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times, occasionally 3 at first.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight or moderate.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in south, but occasionally high at first in north and west.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4.  
Rough or very rough decreasing slight or moderate.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
North or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.  
Slight or moderate in south, rough or very rough occasionally high in north.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4.  
Slight in south, moderate or rough in north.  
Snow showers.  
Good occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:  
Mainly south to southwest 2 to 4 increasing 5 to 6 later this afternoon, veering west to northwest

decreasing 4 to 5 this evening, becoming cyclonic variable later.  
Slight becoming moderate, locally rather rough later.  
Isolated wintry showers becoming more frequent and occasionally prolonged from mid to late afternoon.  
Good but locally poor in some showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic variable 3 to 5 becoming north to northeast increasing 5 to 7, locally gale 8, decreasing 4 to 5 later.  
Moderate to rather rough becoming rather rough to rough for a time.  
Occasional wintry showers.  
Good except in showers.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Tuesday 05 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC until Tuesday 05 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong and cold north or northeast airflow covers Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale force 9.

Northeast 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6.  
Rough or very rough.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Tuesday 05 Jan until 0600 UTC on Wednesday 06 Jan:  
Northeast 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 for a time.  
Rough occasionally very rough at first.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally very poor.

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