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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 02 February to 1200 UTC Sunday 03 February
2013

General Situation

A cold northerly airflow at first will give way as a ridge of high pressure builds in from the west later today. This will be followed by the next Atlantic frontal systems moving eastwards across the United Kingdom through the rest of the weekend and Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing south or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time at first, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later, then veering west later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high later in north.

Wintry showers at first, rain or showers later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 at first, then veering west gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough in south, high or very high north and west of Orkney.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, then increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head.

Wintry showers at first, rain or showers later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor for a time.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west or southwest 4, then increasing 5 to 7 later, perhaps gale 8 for a time later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time at first, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times, showers later.

Good, becoming moderate at times.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, increasing gale 8 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly backing southwesterly, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7 backing westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in east.

Wintry showers at first in east, otherwise fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight near shore east of the Lizard, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers at first in west, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.

Occasional rain, showers later.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west or southwest 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough at first in west.
Showers at first in west, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.
Slight in far east, otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, showers later.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest, increasing 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers at first in west, occasional rain later.
Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, showers later.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest, increasing 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain for a time later.
Good, becoming poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain at times, squally showers later.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 3, then increasing 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Rain for a time later.
Good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate in south, rough or very rough becoming high or very high in north.

Rain at times then squally showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing west or southwest 3, then increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, becoming poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain at times then squally showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough becoming very rough or high, occasionally very high in west.

Rain at times then squally showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, veering westerly 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Fair then rain or showers.

Good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10.

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

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, veering westerly 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high later.

Fair then rain or showers.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10.

Very rough or high, becoming very high or phenomenal.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.
Moderate or poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 03 Feb 2013 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weak ridge of high pressure builds over Shetland for a time today. Low tracks east to the north of Shetland on Sunday with fronts moving across from morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale force 8

Northwesterly 5 to 7 backing westerly 3 or 4, then backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 later, but gale 8 in west.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate near east Shetland later.
Showers, wintry at first, rain or sleet later in west.
Good occasionally moderate, perhaps poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb until 1200 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, then veering west or northwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8.
Moderate or rough, increasing very rough away from lee of east Shetland.
Rain, sleet or snow at first then wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North to northwest 4 to 5, locally 6 at first, decreasing 2 to 3 around midnight, backing west 3 to 4 by dawn, then southwest 4 to 5 during the morning, locally 6 in the north.
Moderate to rather rough decreasing slight for a time overnight.
Occasional light rain and drizzle spreading from the west during Sunday morning.
Good, becoming moderate locally poor during the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 5, locally 6 in the north at times, soon veering west, then northwest later.
Moderate to rather rough.
Occasional light rain and drizzle clearing mid-morning.
Moderate, locally poor, becoming good Monday morning.

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