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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Monday 04 February to 0000 UTC Tuesday 05 February 2013

General Situation

An intense area of low pressure to the south of Iceland will move east and then turn southeast to be near the Shetland Isles by Tuesday. The associated frontal system will move southeast to clear all parts early on Monday, followed by a very strong and cold westerly airflow with wintry showers. Gales or severe gales will affect most areas, with storms for a time in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in north.

Moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, and high or very high north and west of Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly veering northerly, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, but high or very high north and west of Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head later.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest 5 to 7, then veering north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate, but occasionally very rough at first near Rattray Head.

Showers, wintry and squally at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, veering north 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry and squally at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.
Rough becoming moderate.
Showers, wintry and squally at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.
Rough becoming moderate.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, then fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, showers later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate, becoming rough or very rough in west.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in west.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Rough, becoming very rough in west.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of Hartland Point.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.
Moderate becoming rough.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in south.
Rough, occasionally very rough in south.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West, veering northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 at times later.
Mainly rough.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering west 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West, veering northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9.
Mainly rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.
Moderate or rough in south, very rough or high becoming high or very high in north.
Squally showers, wintry at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough in south and east, high or very high in northwest.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high near the Mull of Kintyre.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 in the Firth of Clyde.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high near the Mull of Kintyre.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times.

High or very high.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9.

High or very high.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high or very high in far south and far north.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, but high or very high for a time in far south and far north.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times.

Very rough or high becoming very high or phenomenal.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north 7 to severe gale 9.

High or very high, occasionally phenomenal at first.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

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

Valid Monday 04 Feb 2013 at 0000 UTC until Monday 04 Feb 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Frontal trough clears east on Monday morning with a very strong and unstable westerly flow over Shetland and surrounding waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8 increasing storm force 10 soon.

South 6 or 7 veering west 7 to severe gale 9.
Very rough or high, increasing very high in the west.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Monday 04 Feb until 0000 UTC on Tuesday 05 Feb:
Westerly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 in the north later.
High or very high.
Squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 or 6, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Rather rough, locally rough.
Occasional light rain and drizzle, clearing around dawn, risk of a light shower.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 7 or gale 8, perhaps locally severe gale 9 at times.
Rough or very rough.
Squally wintry showers, risk of thunder.
Good, locally moderate or poor in showers.

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