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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 04 January to 0000 UTC Sunday 05 January 2014

General Situation

A deep Atlantic low centred near the Shetland islands will move away northwards during tonight and Saturday bringing a temporary reduction in the wind strength across the United Kingdom. However another area of low pressure will move eastwards across southwestern areas late on Saturday bringing the risk of further gales to the far southwest.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming variable 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6 later near Rattray Head.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near Orkney.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4 at first in west but northwesterly 5 or 6 at first in east, becoming westerly 4 or 5, then backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight at first in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 backing south 4 or 5, then becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 or 6 becoming southwest 4 or 5, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 backing southeast 5 or 6, then becoming cyclonic 4, becoming southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6 backing south or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 backing southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6 decreasing 4, backing south or southeast 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southeasterly 6 to gale 8, then veering southwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6 becoming variable 4, becoming southerly 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 at times later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest veering west or southwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 at times later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest backing south or southwest, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate becoming rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing south or southwest, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in far west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly veering westerly, becoming cyclonic later, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time, perhaps severe gale 9 later in south.

Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 6 to gale 8 becoming west 4 or 5, then backing south or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.

Very rough or high becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in north.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 or gale 8 becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then becoming west 4 or 5 later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8, veering southwest later.

Moderate becoming rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in North Channel.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in North Channel.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southeast 4 or 5, then increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4 becoming southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south or southwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 4 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4 becoming southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south or southwest later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2014 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2014 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low northwest of Shetland moves away with a strong but slowly easing southwesterly flow over Shetland waters. Further low moving north over the North Sea backs the winds into the east later.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly severe gale 9 veering southwesterly gale force 8 soon.

Southeasterly gale 8 or severe gale 9 in the north at first, otherwise southerly veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, backing southeast 5 or 6 later, but decreasing 4 for a while.

Rough or very rough.

Mainly fair, isolated showers.

Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 with gusts to 55kt overnight, perhaps locally severe gale 9, veering west 5 or 6 in the morning, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time late evening.

Rather rough to rough becoming rough to very rough.

Occasional squally rain or hail showers, locally with thunder.

Good, except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time, backing south around dawn, increasing 6 or 7 in the morning, veering southwest in the afternoon.

Rather rough to rough in the south, rough to very rough in the north.

Showers dying out overnight, rain from mid-morning, locally heavy in the afternoon, clearing early evening.

Good, except in showers, becoming moderate or poor in rain.

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