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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 04 January to 1800 UTC Wednesday 05 January
2011

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure will become slow moving near Scotland. Unsettled conditions with occasionally strong winds will affect nearly all coastal areas during this forecast period.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 or 6 at first in east, otherwise variable mainly southerly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming west or southwest 4 or 5, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

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

Rain or sleet or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.

Wintry showers then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5, veering west or southwest later.

Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming westerly or northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first in south, otherwise fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later in east.

Slight becoming moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first in east, becoming variable 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight becoming moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight at first in east, otherwise moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, becoming slight in east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, becoming variable 3 or less

later.
Moderate, occasionally slight in east.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less becoming northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Occasional rain in south.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times, occasionally 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough, but slight at times in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly veering northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north,
decreasing 3 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough except in Liverpool Bay.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest, veering west later, 6 or 7, decreasing 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northwest.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest, veering west later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 4 or 5 veering northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough except in southeast.
Showers, occasionally wintry.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 5 or 6 later, occasionally 4 later. Moderate, occasionally slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7, perhaps increasing gale 8 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, becoming variable mainly north 3 or 4 for a time, becoming north or northwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough, but becoming very rough in far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times, becoming variable mainly north 3 or 4 for a time, becoming north or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough west of the Outer Hebrides.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough between barra and canna, otherwise very rough or high.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

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

Valid Tuesday 04 Jan 2011 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 05 Jan 2011 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low near Faeroes will move southwards and deepen, expected off Hebrides by Wednesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 05 Jan until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 05 Jan:

Southeast veering south 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 overnight, decreasing 3 or 4 later tomorrow afternoon.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate to rather rough, then slight in the south later.

Occasional rain tomorrow.

Good, becoming moderate or poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, backing southeast in the evening, becoming cyclonic variable on Thursday.

Slight or moderate.

Rain, perhaps heavy at times.

Moderate or poor.

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