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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 December to 0000 UTC Thursday 05 December 2013

General Situation

A developing and then rapidly deepening area of low pressure in the north Atlantic will move eastwards, passing by to the north of Scotland early on Thursday. This will bring severe gales or storm force winds to much of the United Kingdom on Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough becoming high in north, slight becoming moderate or rough in south.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, becoming poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 or violent storm 11 for a time at first.

High or very high in north, rough or very rough in south.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Poor in north, good occasionally poor in south.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight becoming moderate, becoming rough later in far north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time at first.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far north.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering northwest for a time, 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, increasing 7 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7 increasing gale 8 to storm 10, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.

Fair then rain, squally wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering northwest for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in north, then veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough.

Fair then rain, squally showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5 backing southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, then veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, veering northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly for a time, 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West veering north or northwest, 2 or 3, increasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west for a time, 2 or 3 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly veering northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 backing west 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, veering north or northeast for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Rain for a time at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 3 or 4 increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time in Bristol Channel, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate becoming rough.
Rain or showers later.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering north for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Rain then mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Fair then rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwesterly at first in Liverpool Bay, otherwise westerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later in north.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 6 or 7 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Fair then rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing west or southwest 6 or 7 later.
Moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 6 or 7 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, then backing southwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough in south, very rough or high in north.

Rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

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

Rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate becoming very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in west.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south and far north.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in far south.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in west.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Dec 2013 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 04 Dec 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong westerly flow covers Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8, increasing severe force gale 9 later.

West 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 Dec until 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Dec:

West 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in the west.

Squally showers, perhaps wintry at times.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 in the south at times, otherwise northwest 2 to 4, veering north to northeast increasing 4 to 5 late afternoon, decreasing 3 to 4 during the evening.

Smooth or slight, increasing slight to moderate during Wednesday afternoon.

Isolated showers, becoming more frequent for a time late afternoon.

Moderate to good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to north 2 to 3, backing northwest to west around dawn, increasing 4 in the south to 6 in the north by midday, then 5 to 7 during the afternoon.

Slight to moderate increasing moderate to rather rough by afternoon, locally rough mid-channel.

Isolated showers in the far south at first and again late Thursday evening.

Good, locally moderate in the far south at first and again later.

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