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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Monday 02 January to 0600 UTC Tuesday 03 January 2012

General Situation

A strong westerly or southwesterly airflow covers the United Kingdom. A deepening area of low pressure will approach from the west on Tuesday, potentially bringing stormy conditions to many areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing southeast later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 for a time. Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic or southeast, becoming northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Rough or very rough in north, moderate or rough in east, but very rough for a time near Rattray Head.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic later 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers, becoming wintry.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming westerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time in south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south for a time later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in north.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 for a

time.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in south.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in south.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, perhaps high for a time in west.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of the Lizard peninsula.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in the Bristol Channel, occasionally

high near Lands End.
Squally showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly veering westerly, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in west.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.
Rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near St Davids Head.
Squally showers, rain later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but high for a time near St Davids Head.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 , perhaps storm 10 later.
Moderate or rough.
Squally showers, wintry at times, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps increasing storm 10 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 , perhaps storm 10 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps increasing storm 10 at times.
Rough or very rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in north.
Moderate or rough, but very rough, occasionally high in north.
Squally wintry showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but very rough, occasionally high in north.

Rain, then 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:

Westerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Mull of Kintyre.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming westerly, 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain then squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic later 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

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

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming west or northwest, 7 to severe gale 9.

Very rough or high.

Rain then squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

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

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic or northeast, becoming northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

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

Rain then squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Very rough or high, becoming very high.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic or northeast, becoming northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Very high, becoming high, occasionally very rough later.

Rain then squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Monday 02 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC until Monday 02 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A low complex near Iceland will drift east and fill. Meanwhile, a rapidly deepening low will track northeast into the northern UK.

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

Southwest 6 or 7, occasionally 5 at first.
Very rough or high, occasionally rough at first.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Monday 02 Jan until 0600 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan:
South or southwest 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5.
Very rough or high.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 6, occasionally 7 this afternoon, backing southwest this evening, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 overnight.
Rather rough to rough becoming rough to very rough.
Occasional rain or hail showers, dying out this evening some rain overnight.
Good except in showers or rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering west to northwest decreasing 6 to 7 early afternoon.
Rough to very rough becoming high for a time in the north of the area.
Occasional rain becoming persistent and heavier from mid to late morning, clearing during the afternoon, then isolated showers.
Good becoming moderate to poor in rain.

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