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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

Areas of low pressure will continue to affect the United Kingdom with a generally northerly airflow persisting.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north later.

Moderate or rough, increasing very rough in north.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering north, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, increasing rough in east, and very rough in north later.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering north or northwest, 5 to 7.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough in far north later.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northerly 5 to 7.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough in far north.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Moderate in north, otherwise smooth or slight.
Snow showers mainly in north.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northerly 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest becoming cyclonic then north, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight, becoming moderate in south.
Sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North backing southwest, 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight, becoming moderate in south.
Sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4 backing southwest 4 or 5, veering north 5 or 6 later.
Moderate in west at first, otherwise smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time in west later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far west.
Sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North backing west or southwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 or 6 later.
Smooth or slight in east, moderate in west.
Mainly fair, then rain or sleet showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time in west.
Smooth or slight in east, moderate in west.
Sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Slight with shelter, otherwise moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering north, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southwest.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5 occasionally 6, veering north 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Rain or showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic for a time later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest later.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic for a time later.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic for a time later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Sleet or snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 to 7.

Slight with shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, becoming cyclonic for a time later, 5 to 7, but in west, increasing gale 8

perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north and west, occasionally high in northwest later.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in west.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, becoming cyclonic for a time later, 5 to 7, but in west, increasing gale 8

perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later.

In south, smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in southwest later, in north, moderate becoming rough or very rough.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate in south, in north, rough or very rough, decreasing moderate or rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East to northeast 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3 overnight, then southwest 3 to 4 in the morning, increasing 4 to 6 by evening.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough by late period.

Isolated wintry showers, becoming scattered, rain or sleet moving into the extreme northwest of the area by late period.

Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 6, soon veering northwest to north and decreasing 3 to 4.

Mainly moderate.

Outbreaks of rain or sleet turning to snow in places, clearing overnight to fair periods and wintry showers.

Good, locally moderate in precipitation.

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

Valid Monday 04 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC until Tuesday 05 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong north or northeast airflow will cover Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly gale force 8 expected soon, increasing severe gale force 9 later, issued at 04/0939

North 5 to 7 decreasing 4 then veering northeast gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, but poor in snow showers.

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

Northeast gale 8 or severe gale 9 decreasing 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers.

Good, but poor in snow showers.

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