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

General Situation

Areas of low pressure over the North Sea will move away southeastwards and fill.

High pressure over

Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom during Sunday and Monday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly backing northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Moderate, increasing rough in north later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly backing westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 for a time.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing northerly 3 or 4.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in south.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing northerly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Mainly slight.

Wintry showers in east.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east.

Slight increasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.

Slight increasing moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight increasing moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west.

Moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southeasterly 3 or less, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, increasing moderate in west.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in southwest.
Mainly fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly veering easterly or northeasterly, 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time in north.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west later.
Wintry showers, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 in south at first, otherwise northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight becoming moderate in east.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, backing north later.
Moderate in east, otherwise slight.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in east.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northwest.
Wintry showers later.
Good.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing northwest 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 later.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable becoming northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers later.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides
24 hour forecast:
Mainly northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, occasionally variable 3 or less in south.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Mainly northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, decreasing 3 at times in south.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
Mainly northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, occasionally variable 3 or less in south.
Mainly smooth south of skye, but moderate or rough to north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Mainly northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, decreasing 3 at times in south.
Mainly smooth south of skye, but moderate to north.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 2, becoming variable this evening, then southeast 3 to 4 by morning, backing east 4 to 5 later.
Slight, locally moderate later tomorrow.
Isolated wintry showers.
Very good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in mid-channel, backing northeast later Monday.
Slight in the south and east of the area, otherwise moderate.
Occasional wintry showers, mainly in the north of the area.

Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weak ridge will continue to cover Shetland relaxing into Sunday as a trough drifts southwards.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northeast backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Moderate becoming slight to moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan until 1800 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight to moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

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