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

General Situation

Low pressure affects much of the United Kingdom but moves into the North Sea then fills. A weak ridge of high pressure moves eastwards across all areas tonight, followed by Atlantic frontal troughs.

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

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming southeasterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, decreasing 3 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Orkney.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northwesterly 5 to 7, backing southerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing south 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers dying out.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in east later.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing south later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers dying out, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, then veering westerly.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, backing southerly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers dying out, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing south later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing south later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southeast later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, decreasing slight in north.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, but slight in north at first.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southeast later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southeast 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, decreasing slight for a time.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering west for a time, 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, decreasing slight for a time.

Rain at times.

Good, becoming moderate or poor in rain.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southeast later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest for a time, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing southeast later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering west for a time, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southeast and increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering west for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly backing southeasterly 3 or 4, later increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 in southwest.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers, fair for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly backing southeasterly 3 or 4, later increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 in southwest.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Rain or showers, fair for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and in far north.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 6 to 7, with gusts to 40kt at first, decreasing 4 by dawn, backing southerly by midday, increasing 5 to 6 in the afternoon.

Rough or very rough decreasing moderate, but locally rather rough later.

Occasional rain or hail showers, dying out overnight, becoming cloudy in the morning with rain at times from around noon.

Good, becoming moderate or showers or rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 6, veering southwest to west around midnight, decreasing 4 to 5 by dawn on Saturday,

backing southwest to south by evening.

Rather rough decreasing mainly moderate with swell.

Rain or drizzle clearing by midnight to fair intervals and isolated showers, cloudy again by evening.

Moderate in rain, becoming mainly good.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Dec 2009 at 1800 UTC until Friday 04 Dec 2009 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A slow moving and complex area of low pressure lying across Shetland waters slowly fills over the next 24 hours.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 soon (issued 02/2158)

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in far southeast at first.

Rough or very rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 04 Dec until 1800 UTC on Friday 04 Dec:

Southeasterly 5 to 7.

Rough but moderate in sheltered western waters.

Rain at first.

moderate or good.

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