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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 03 February to 0600 UTC Saturday 04 February
2012

General Situation

An anticyclone has become established over England, bringing light winds for a time to all but northwestern areas. Low pressure and associated fronts will develop over the North Sea during the day while Atlantic fronts make eastward progress across northwestern areas. Areas of low pressure over the North Sea will bring snow showers in many eastern areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly or southeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough later in far north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, veering westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north and far east.

Occasional rain or sleet, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in far north, veering west 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.

Rain or snow for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 later in north.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, veering westerly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or snow for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Snow showers, then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7, veering southwest 4 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Rain or snow for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time, veering easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable, becoming southerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in southeast.
Occasional snow or snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly, backing northerly or northwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in east.
Slight or moderate.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, southerly 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in east.
Snow showers at first, rain or snow later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 4, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight.
Rain or snow later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Easterly or northeasterly 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southerly 4 later in far west.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth in east.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable becoming southerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering westerly or northwesterly later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or sleet.
Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5 later in west.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in east.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly, veering northwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough near Lands End.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 or 6 later in north and west.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in northwest.

Wintry showers in north at first.

Good, occasionally moderate in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time, veering northwesterly later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 in east, veering westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southeast.

Occasional rain, then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 in North Channel, veering westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in North Channel.

Rain or sleet for a time, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far south.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time, veering west or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in far west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia to Britain. Atlantic frontal trough moving east towards Scotland brings an increasingly strong southerly flow towards Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue.

West backing south 4.
Slight to moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South 4, increasing 7.
Slight to moderate, increasing rough.
Fair.
Good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4, locally 5 at first, decreasing 2 or 3 during the afternoon, backing northerly overnight.
Moderate becoming slight.
Isolated light wintry showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 2 to 3 veering east to southeast by midday, further veering south 2 to 4 in the afternoon increasing 5 to 6 in the evening, veering southwest to west 4 to 5 overnight.
Slight becoming moderate later, locally rather rough in the north.
Risk of a wintry shower at first outbreaks of rain, locally sleet or snow especially jersey eastwards in the evening, perhaps heavy at times.
Good becoming moderate to very poor later.

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