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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 04 February to 0000 UTC Sunday 05 February  
2012

#### General Situation

High pressure, centred over the United Kingdom, will decline, as occluding, Atlantic fronts make slow and erratic eastwards progress during Saturday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in north, veering west 6 later.

Moderate or rough, but slight for a time in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough north and west of Orkney.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers for a time.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing south 5 to 7, then veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain and snow for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow at first in south, fog patches for a time.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming southerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers, occasional sleet or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly for a time in far north 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow with fog patches for a time, then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, veering southerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers, occasional sleet or snow later.

Good, moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, becoming cyclonic, 6 or 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow, becoming mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor in east, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North, veering south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or sleet later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or sleet then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering north 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.  
Slight or moderate in east, occasionally rough in west.  
Rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.  
Rain for a time.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.  
Rain for a time.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, backing south 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.  
Rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 6, then decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.  
Occasional rain, fair later.  
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 6, then decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain for a time.  
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest, backing south or southwest, 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 5 or 6.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in northwest.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing south 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.  
Showers, then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south.  
Occasional rain, then showers.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south and north, but becoming slight near skye.  
Showers, then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 5 to 7.  
Rough, becoming very rough.  
Occasional rain, then showers.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.  
Very rough, becoming high for a time.  
Showers, then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 1200 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

Strengthening southerly flow over Shetland waters, as Atlantic weather front approaches from the west. The front moves east across Shetland overnight into Sunday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly Severe gale 9 expected.

South 5 or 6, increasing severe gale 9.  
Moderate, soon rough.  
Mainly fair, rain later.  
Good becoming moderate, perhaps poor at times in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

South severe gale 9. veering westerly 4 or 5 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain at first. Isolated rain shower later.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable or north 1 to 3, becoming southerly by early afternoon, increasing 4 to 5 by dusk and 6 to 7 during the evening.  
Slight, increasing moderate to rather rough in the evening, locally rough in the north.  
Rain and sleet spreading from the west during the evening risk of snow jersey eastwards.  
Good, becoming moderate to very poor in the evening.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to 7, becoming cyclonic variable, then northwest to north by dawn, perhaps locally gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 during the morning, becoming variable 1 to 3 in the afternoon.  
Moderate in the south at first, otherwise rough, gradually decreasing slight during Sunday, with a swell.  
Rain and sleet, locally snow jersey eastwards, clearing by mid-morning occasional rain later.  
Moderate to very poor becoming good by mid-morning.

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