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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 05 December to 0600 UTC Thursday 06 December 2012

General Situation

A front, moving southwards across southern areas of the United Kingdom, will clear by early afternoon. A cold, northerly airflow will follow. A weak ridge of high pressure will cross from the west overnight, before an Atlantic low and associated fronts, moves southwards and eastwards to affect all areas during Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in east, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing south 5 or 6 later.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Snow showers, squally at first in east, rain or sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, becoming cyclonic, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later, then becoming northeast later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or sleet then squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first, becoming moderate later.

Squally snow showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, then becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, sleet for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing southwest later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Squally snow showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, then veering west or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally snow showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming northwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then backing westerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in north.

Squally snow showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later, then veering northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming northerly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Fair then rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5 at first in east, otherwise northerly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing westerly later.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Rain or sleet at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, then veering northwesterly later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Fair then rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing west later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough for a time in west.

Showers, squally at first in west, then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Fair then rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4, then becoming west later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first near Lands End, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers, squally at first.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 7 or gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, rough or very rough.

Rain or showers, squally later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or showers, squally later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far north.

Showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 6 or 7 later, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate, becoming poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or less, then backing south 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far north and far south.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering north or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far south and far north.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or less, then backing south 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering north or northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate at first.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure over the North Sea will move away south, with a slight ridge building for a time on Wednesday night, with further low tracking southeast across northern Scotland on Thursday.

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

North 5 to 7 backing northwest 4 or 5.
Rough becoming moderate later.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor or very poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 05 Dec until 0600 UTC on Thursday 06 Dec:
Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3 then south or southeast 4 or 5 in west later.
Moderate.
Wintry showers becoming isolated.
Good, occasionally poor or very poor in showers.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt, veering northerly during the morning, decreasing 4 or 5 in the evening, 1 to 3 by morning and becoming south or variable.
Rather rough or rough, becoming moderate then slight later.
Squally rain and hail showers with a risk of thunder, dying out in the afternoon.
Good or very good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 2 to 4, veering southwest 4 or 5 by midday and 6 or 7 by late evening, veering west 7 to gale 8 after midnight.
Slight with a swell, becoming rather rough then rough later.
Fair becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain later.
Very good, becoming moderate in rain.

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