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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 01 January to 1800 UTC Sunday 02 January 2011

General Situation

A cold front across central will move southwards and weaken, becoming slow moving over the far southwest of England overnight tonight. High pressure will then build across the United Kingdom during Sunday and Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing west later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, then rain.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first towards Rattray Head.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.

Rough, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers, becoming fair.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northerly, backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in Thames estuary.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in Thames estuary.

Fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east.

Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight, but moderate at first in east.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast, becoming variable, then south 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, and again later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North, veering east or southeast later, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast, becoming cyclonic, 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight in east, moderate in west.

Mainly fair in east, occasional rain or drizzle in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northwest, veering east or southeast later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight in east, otherwise mainly moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast, becoming cyclonic, 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Moderate in west, slight in east.
Occasional rain or snow.
Moderate or poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

North, veering east, 3 or 4, occasionally 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly east or southeast 3 or less, occasionally 4 in south.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair, occasional rain in south.
Good, occasionally moderate in south.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Occasional drizzle, then fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less.
Smooth.
Fair.
Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, backing north 2 or 3 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 2 or 3, backing southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.
Fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in north.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in north.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first towards Mull of Kintyre.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southwesterly 3 or less, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, but rough in north.

Occasional showers, mainly fair in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or 4, occasionally 5, backing west or southwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in north.

Occasional showers, mainly fair in south.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor later.

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

Valid Saturday 01 Jan 2011 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 02 Jan 2011 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A northwesterly flow over Shetland and surrounding waters with a ridge edging in from the west during Sunday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 6 or 7 decreasing 4 or 5.

Very rough, becoming rough in south.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 02 Jan until 1800 UTC on Sunday 02 Jan:

North 4 or 5 backing west or northwest 5 or 6.

Rough, but very rough at first in north.

Wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

North 2 to 4, veering northeast by midnight, increasing 4 by dawn tomorrow, further veering east by midday, decreasing 2 or 3 by evening.

Slight, becoming moderate for a time.

Some patchy rain overnight.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 2 or 3, becoming southeast then variable.

Slight with swell.

Risk of mist or fog patches near french coasts early Monday.

Mainly good.

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