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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 03 January to 1200 UTC Friday 04 January 2013

#### General Situation

A large area of high pressure will remain slow moving close to southern England. Weak weather fronts skirting its northern flank will affect northern areas at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate in east, rough or very rough in north.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times in east.

Slight or moderate in east, rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Occasional drizzle in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Mainly slight.

Occasional drizzle in south, otherwise mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Occasional drizzle, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Rough in west, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate, becoming rough in west.

Occasional drizzle, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair, then occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times in Liverpool Bay.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming mainly moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly backing southerly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in North Channel.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly, backing southerly later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 for a time.  
Very rough in far west, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west.  
Very rough in far west, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough, but very rough in south.  
Rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Moderate or rough, but very rough in south.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 1200 UTC until Friday 04 Jan 2013 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A deep low over the Norwegian Sea will continue to drift eastwards during today and tonight as a series of troughs cross Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8

West 6 or 7, backing southwest 4 or 5 then south 6 to gale 8.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Jan until 1200 UTC on Friday 04 Jan:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west 6 or 7.  
Rough or very rough .

Rain at times.  
Moderate.

Channel Islands  
24 hour forecast:

West 3 to 4, locally 5 in the north at first, backing southwest this afternoon, backing southwest to south 2 to 3 later in the morning.

Slight to moderate.

Isolated patches of drizzle.

Moderate to good, locally poor in drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 2 to 3, locally 4 in the north.

Slight with a swell.

Isolated patches of drizzle.

Moderate to good, locally poor in drizzle.

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