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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

Pressure will remain high across the North Sea. A more intense area of high pressure will develop west of Ireland by Thursday, with a ridge building across the United Kingdom.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic, then northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate around Rattray Head.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, mainly southeasterly 3 or 4, becoming mainly northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly southeast, backing north or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Rain or showers later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 3 or 4, backing northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly backing northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in east.

Mainly moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Moderate decreasing slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast later, 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.

Moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 around headlands.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, backing north 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in southwest.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, backing east or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight, but moderate for a time around St Davids Head.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight occasionally moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate occasionally rough.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, becoming variable 3, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Mainly slight, but occasionally moderate in far north and far south.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East to northeast 5 in the south, otherwise 6 to 7 with gusts to 40 knots.

Moderate in the south and east, to rough in the north and west of the area.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, gradually decreasing 3 to 4 Friday morning, backing north to northwest later.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight to moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

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

Valid Wednesday 03 Mar 2010 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 04 Mar 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over Shetland on Wednesday. A frontal trough will move east over Shetland on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

East or northeast becoming variable then south or southwest, 3 or 4, decreasing 2 or less at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 04 Mar until 1800 UTC on Thursday 04 Mar:

Southerly or southwesterly veering westerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times,

occasionally 6 in west later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or sleet developing.

Moderate or good.

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