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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Tuesday 01 May to 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 May 2012

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure to the north of Scotland will drift westwards into the Atlantic as the low to the southwest of the United Kingdom continues to fill and move away.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly east or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in far north.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming north or northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in north later.

Slight, becoming moderate in north.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 in north.

Slight, occasionally moderate in far south.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast becoming variable, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north 2 or 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming northerly or northwesterly, then northeasterly later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Thundery showers, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northerly, 3 or 4 in south, 4 or 5 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, fog patches in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly north or northwest, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fog patches at first.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor at first, becoming moderate or good later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly west or northwest, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly backing easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly easterly or northeasterly, but becoming variable for a time in east, 3 or 4 in east, 4 or 5 in west, occasionally 6 in far west at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Mainly easterly or northeasterly, backing northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in far southwest, becoming southerly or southeasterly, becoming variable or northeasterly later, 4 or 5 decreasing 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable at times in east, otherwise mainly northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4 in east, 4 or 5 in west, occasionally 6 in far southwest at first.

Slight or moderate in west, smooth or slight in east.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly easterly or northeasterly, 2 or 3, occasionally 4, becoming northerly later, increasing 4 or 5 near western headlands.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west at first.

Showers, fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near western headlands at first.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, becoming variable at times later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north until later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly north or northeast, backing northwest later, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in south at first.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly north or northwest 2 or 3 increasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

#### Channel

##### 24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly north or northwest 2 or 3 increasing 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

#### Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

##### 24 hour forecast:

Mainly easterly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less in north later.

Slight.

Showers in south otherwise fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4, increasing 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in northwest later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

#### The Minch

##### 24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west, becoming variable 3 or less in south later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north, and in west at first.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

#### Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

##### 24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west, becoming variable 3 or less in south later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Tuesday 01 May 2012 at 1800 UTC until Wednesday 02 May 2012 at 0600 UTC

#### Shetland Isles

##### General Situation

Ridge of high pressure over Shetland will gradually decline as a weak trough moves southwards overnight.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

West 2 or 3, occasionally 4 in north for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Wednesday 02 May until 1800 UTC on Wednesday 02 May:  
West 2 or 3 increasing 4 in north later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair, occasional light rain.  
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands  
24 hour forecast:  
East 3 or 4 backing northeast by midday tomorrow.  
Slight.  
Slight risk of a shower in the west at first sea fog patches in the north by midday tomorrow.  
Good but poor or very poor in sea fog.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast to north 2 to 4.  
Slight.  
Risk of sea fog patches at first and occasional rain early on Thursday.  
Moderate to good locally very poor at times.

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