

Issued by the Met Office at 0001 UTC on Thursday 03 December 2009

Ser. No. 25

Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will cover northern areas of the United Kingdom during Thursday.

This low will fill over the North Sea on Friday, with further Atlantic fronts following later in the day.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly backing easterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 in south.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Orkney.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 5 or 6 for a time in north, otherwise variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first near Orkney.

Rain or showers becoming fair, rain later in west.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, becoming northwest later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southeast later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate, but rough for a time in north, becoming slight later in south.

Rain or showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south or southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering northwesterly later, 5 or 6, but 3 or 4 for a time in north.  
Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southerly or southeasterly later.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers becoming fair.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 5 or 6.  
Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time.  
Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing south 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, but 4 or 5 at first in east, decreasing 5 later.  
Rough occasionally very rough in west.

Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time, backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first around Isles of Scilly.  
Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 later.  
Rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3, backing south or southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing south or southeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far south.

Showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 5 later.

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

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, backing southeast 5 to 7.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering west or northwest 6 or 7, perhaps increasing gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4, backing south or southeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate occasionally rough.

Rain or drizzle later.

Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west of Fair Head.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate occasionally rough.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Mull of Kintyre.  
Squally showers, rain at first.  
Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 or 5, backing southeast 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest backing west 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.  
Showers, rain at first.  
Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 5 or 6, but southerly at first in north, veering northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly 6 to gale 8.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly 5 or 6, but southerly at first in north, veering northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough south of skye.  
Showers, rain for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly 6 to gale 8.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough south of skye.  
Showers at first, rain later.  
Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West to northwest 6 or 7 with gusts to 50kt, decreasing 4 to 5 later.  
Rather rough becoming rough or very rough moderating later.  
Scattered rain or hail showers with a risk of thunder slowly dying out.  
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 to 5 decreasing 3 to 4, backing southwest to south increasing 4 to 6 later.  
Moderate with a swell.  
Isolated showers at first, then rain during Friday afternoon.

Good except in rain.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 03 Dec 2009 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 03 Dec 2009 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure, between Iceland and the southern UK, will slowly move east.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Severe gale force 9 in operation at times of forecast issue.

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Dec until 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Dec:

Southeast 7 or gale 8 decreasing east or southeast 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

(c) Crown Copyright 2009