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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure, over the United Kingdom, will fill over the North Sea by Friday.

Atlantic fronts will follow 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, occasionally 7 later.

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

Rain or showers becoming fair, rain later.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, 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 5 or 6, backing southeast later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

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

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 or 4, becoming northwest 5 or 6.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight occasionally moderate.
Showers at first, rain later.
Good occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight occasionally 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 occasionally moderate later.

Showers, rain later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 5 or 6.

Rough becoming moderate.

Rain or squally showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Moderate occasionally slight.

Rain later.

Good becoming moderate or poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, backing south 5 to 7, veering west or southwest later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair then rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Rough occasionally very rough in west.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later in far west.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, backing south 5 to 7, veering west or southwest later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in west.

Squally showers, rain later in far south.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, backing south or southeast 5 or 6, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Rough becoming moderate.

Squally showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 or 6, veering west or southwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain or showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later.

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

Squally showers, rain at first.

Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times, backing west 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 backing south 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Slight becoming mainly moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west of Fair Head.

Squally showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate occasionally rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

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:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Mull of Kintyre.
Squally showers, fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.
Fair then rain at times.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Showers, fair later.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
Rough or very rough.
Fair then rain at times.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, backing south or southwest later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, rain at first in north.
Good occasionally moderate at first.

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

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, backing south or southwest later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough south of skye and in far north.
Showers, rain at first in north.
Good occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough south of skye and at first in far north.
Showers at first, rain later.
Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 6 or 7 with gusts to 40kt decreasing 5 or 6 this evening and 4 by morning.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate to rather rough later.
Occasional rain or hail showers, with a risk of thunder, dying out overnight.
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 backing south by midday, increasing 4 or 5 in the afternoon, veering southwest in the evening.

Moderate or rather rough with swell.
Occasional rain from mid to late morning, clearing in the evening isolated showers developing later.
Good except in rain or showers.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 Dec 2009 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 Dec 2009 at 1800 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: Southeasterly severe gale force 9 decreasing gale force 8 soon, issued 02/2158.

Southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first and occasionally 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Dec until 0600 UTC on Friday 04 Dec:

East or southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

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