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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 April to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 April 2012

General Situation

An area of low pressure over southern England will move away slowly southwards during the next 24 hours, although very windy conditions will persist across parts of England and Wales overnight and into Thursday. A ridge of high pressure across Scotland will edge southwards and gradually introduce quieter conditions from the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 at first in east, otherwise westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers then rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing west 3 or 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near fife and lothian.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north or northeast, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 2 or 3.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming west then north 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Rain at first in far south, otherwise fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in far south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming southwest 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing westerly or northwesterly, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Mainly good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 3 or 4 backing northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in east.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, backing northerly 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in east, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 2 or 3 increasing 5 or 6, but decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 backing northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, 3 or 4 at first in east, otherwise 5 to 7, but occasionally gale 8 at first west of land's end.

Rough or very rough at first west of land's end, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally in west.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 backing north 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in west, decreasing 4 later

in Bristol Channel.
Rough or very rough at first in west, otherwise moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west, backing northwesterly 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.
Very rough at first near st david's head, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast backing northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first near pembrokehire.
Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 2 or 3, becoming west then northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast 6 or 7 decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable 2 or 3, becoming west later.
Moderate or rough becoming smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable 2 or 3, then northwesterly 4 later in north.
Moderate or rough at first in east, otherwise slight or moderate.
Rain at times later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 at first in east, otherwise northwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming westerly 4 later in north.

Moderate, becoming slight at times.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in North Channel.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing westerly or northwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering north later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

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24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally slight south of skye.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Cape Wrath, then veering west or northwest later.

Moderate, occasionally rough west and north of the Outer Hebrides.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering northeast later.

Rough at first west and north of the Outer Hebrides, otherwise moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Apr 2012 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 Apr 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Area of low pressure will track east or southeast into southern Scandinavia, with associated fronts moving southeast over Shetland on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil in force at time of issue.

West or northwest, backing southwest for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Moderate, but slight in sheltered waters.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Apr until 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Apr:

West or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Moderate, but slight in sheltered waters.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 early tomorrow, then 5 or 6 guernsey northwards after dawn.
Slight becoming moderate to rather rough.
Occasional showers.
Good, except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, soon decreasing 4 or 5, backing north by midday Friday and decreasing 2 to 4.
Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight.
Risk of a shower at first.
Good.

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