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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 03 May to 0600 UTC Friday 04 May 2012

General Situation

High pressure over Scotland will gradually decline as a cold front moves south across the country. Further south, lower pressure will bring rain with occasional thunder in coastal areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming north 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 or 6 later.

Smooth until later in Moray Firth, otherwise slight or moderate, becoming rough later in northwest.

Rain for a time, then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming north or northeast 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain later, then wintry showers in far north.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 5 or 6, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Wintry showers, rain in south at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in south.

Fair at first, rain later in far north.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain for a time, then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing northerly 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain for a time, wintry showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional thundery rain, fog patches developing.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeasterly 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in east.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain at first, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming east or northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional thundery rain until later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 at first in northeast, otherwise variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in northeast.

Fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeasterly 5 later in northeast.

Smooth or slight.

Rain for a time, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 2 or 3, then northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time in northeast, then northerly 5 later in far northwest.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in northeast.

Fog patches, occasional rain later in north.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far northwest.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time in the North Channel.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 4 or 5.
Slight.
Rain at first, then showers.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Mainly north or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Fog patches at first, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.
Fair.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fog patches at first, then occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers developing.
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northeast 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Fog patches at first, then occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers developing.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 May 2012 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 May 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Troughs and associated shallow low will track east across Shetland waters this evening. Pressure will build over Faeroes with a fresh or strong northerly airflow becoming established over Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

West veering north 3 or 4, veering northeast 5 or 6 in north later.
Mainly moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

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

North or northeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, perhaps wintry.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Variable 1 to 3 becoming mainly north to northeast by late afternoon, increasing 3 to 4 for a time overnight.

Smooth or slight.

Mist and a risk of fog patches patchy light rain at first and overnight.

Moderate to good, locally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 2 to 4, becoming variable jersey southwards at times, increasing 4 to 5 guernsey northwards on Saturday.

Smooth or slight, increasing moderate in the north later.

Mist and a risk of fog patches occasional rain.

Moderate to poor.

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