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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure over the North Sea on Friday will move slowly south and west during Saturday. A ridge of high pressure will then extend southeastwards across the United Kingdom by Sunday.

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

24 hour forecast:

North veering east or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in far north.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast backing north 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, veering east 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast becoming variable 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Rough becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming east 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers becoming squally.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Rough becoming moderate later.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Good occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 later.

Moderate occasionally rough in far north.

Wintry showers, squally later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming rough for a time.

Wintry showers, squally at first.
Good occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing westerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, veering northeasterly 5 or 6,
decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in far north.

Fair then wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, backing westerly 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Fair then wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, veering east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.

Wintry showers for a time later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, veering east 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in west.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

North backing northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, veering east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, veering east later, 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, veering easterly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate for a time in south.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional showers.
Good becoming moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northwest 4 or 5, veering east or northeast.
Moderate.
Occasional wintry showers.
Good becoming moderate or poor in showers.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
North backing northwest, becoming cyclonic later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, decreasing 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:
North backing northwest, becoming cyclonic later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Cyclonic becoming northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, decreasing 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, veering northeast later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or less, becoming variable later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, veering northeast, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in west.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in west.
Wintry showers, squally at first.
Good occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, veering northeast, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in far north.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time north of skye.
Wintry showers, squally at first.
Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 4 to 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 4 later this afternoon,
backing northwest 3 to 4
tonight, increasing 4 for a time morning.
Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight to moderate.
Scattered wintry showers.
Good, except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 to 4, becoming variable 2 then southeast 3 to 4 on Sunday.
Slight.
Isolated wintry showers.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 01 Jan 2010 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A shallow lows will remain slow moving in the Shetland Basin during today and Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale 8 backing North, veering East and increasing
severe gale 9

North 5 to 7, veering east 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough to very rough.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan until 1200 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan:

East 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 then backing north.
Rough to very rough becoming moderate to rough.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

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