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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 04 May to 0000 UTC Saturday 05 May 2012

#### General Situation

Low pressure will remain centred over northern France for the next two days, while high pressure near Iceland gradually extends a ridge southeastwards across the United Kingdom. Later on Saturday, the ridge will then decline westwards, allowing low pressure over Norway to edge closer to Scotland.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in Moray Firth.

Moderate or rough, but slight in Moray Firth at first.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west for a time, 5 or 6.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in west.

Slight or moderate, occasional rough later.

Rain at first, otherwise wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly, backing westerly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north at first.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasional rough later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough for a time.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near North Foreland later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 in north later.

Slight in Thames estuary otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in north and east.

Occasional rain, becoming fair except in far south.

Midday, occasionally poor in south at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3, veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in Strait of Dover later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in Strait of Dover later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North 3 or less, veering northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain mainly east, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, backing northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain in east at first otherwise fair.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, backing northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Occasional rain at first then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in west later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Occasional rain just at first otherwise fair.

Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, but variable 3 or less at first.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in west later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable or north 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 just at first, veering northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest.

Slight or moderate, occasional rough in northwest.

Occasional rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 backing northwest 3 or less.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in north.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, but moderate in North Channel later.  
Occasional rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5 backing northwest 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Showers.  
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in far west.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west.  
Occasional rain at first.  
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northeast, backing northwest for a time, 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.  
Showers.  
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5.  
Moderate, but rough in north.  
Wintry showers in north later.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North, backing west for a time, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.  
Smooth or slight south of skye, moderate or rough elsewhere.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5.  
Moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers in north later.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North, backing west for a time, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Friday 04 May 2012 at 0000 UTC until Friday 04 May 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A low will deepen over southern Scandinavia with a strengthening northerly airflow becoming established over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 5 to 7.  
Mainly rough.

Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 04 May until 0000 UTC on Saturday 05 May:  
North 5 to 7.  
Mainly rough.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 by evening.  
Slight becoming moderate.  
Mist or fog patches at first, then outbreaks of rain, becoming persistent.  
Good becoming moderate to very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 during Saturday morning.  
Moderate becoming rather rough.  
Rain clearing later.  
Moderate to very poor, becoming good.

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