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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

High pressure centred near Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom. This ridge will decline later on Monday as troughs continue to move southwards from the Norwegian Sea across the British Isles.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, backing west at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest veering northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times. Rough or very rough, but moderate in Moray Firth. Squally sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Slight or moderate. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6 veering northeast 6 to gale 8. Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north later. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times. Slight or moderate. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5 veering northwest 5 or 6, veering northeast 6 to gale 8 later. Moderate or rough. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later. Slight or moderate. Sleet and snow showers. Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later. Moderate, occasionally slight in south. Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north later.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Sleet and snow showers later.

Good, occasionally very poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable then northwesterly later.

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near headlands, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North backing west 3 or 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first near headlands, backing north or northeast 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate occasionally rough in west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast, backing west for a time, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

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

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in southwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4 backing northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or less, then northwesterly 4 or 5

later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in far south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering north 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast backing northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 at times.

Smooth or slight.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4 veering north 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate in west later.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing west or northwest 2 or 3 increasing 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest veering north or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight increasing moderate.

Rain or showers at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 at times, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight increasing slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the

North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 at times, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5 veering north 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel later.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

North or variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 veering north or northeast 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight increasing slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6.

Moderate increasing rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest veering northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Moderate or rough increasing rough or very rough.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight south of skye, moderate occasionally rough later north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest veering northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Slight or moderate south of skye, rough or very rough north of skye.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5, locally 6 in mid-channel at first, decreasing 4 in the morning, backing northeast 2 or 3 in the evening.

Rather rough in the north and west, otherwise moderate, becoming slight to moderate later.

Scattered wintry showers, mostly in the north of the area.

Very good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to north 2 or 3 backing northwest Tuesday morning then west to southwest 3 or 4 in the afternoon.  
Mainly slight.  
Isolated wintry showers, becoming scattered later.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC until Monday 04 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A cold, showery mainly northerly airstream covers Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 5 or 6 backing northwest 6 or 7.  
Rough but moderate in sheltered southern and eastern waters.  
Wintry showers.  
Good falling moderate or poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Monday 04 Jan until 1800 UTC on Monday 04 Jan:

Northwest veering north 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough, but moderate in well sheltered southern and eastern waters.  
Wintry showers.  
Good falling moderate or poor in showers.

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