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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 02 January to 0000 UTC Thursday 03 January
2013

General Situation

A west to northwesterly airflow became established across the British Isles during new year's day, although a ridge of high pressure will move in from the west tonight. Atlantic fronts will follow eastwards across all areas during Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly backing southeasterly, then veering southwesterly later, 4 or 5 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in Moray Firth.

Fair then rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough occasionally very rough north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing south or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest backing southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair for time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest backing southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly backing southwesterly, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time, but occasionally 6 later in east.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest, 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest backing southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near headlands.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough in west, slight or moderate in Bristol Channel.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate, occasionally slight.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate.
Rain for a time then showers.
Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, backing south for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, but occasionally rough in north.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, but occasionally rough in north.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing south, then veering southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 backing south 5 or 6, then veering southwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, then increasing 5 or 6 later in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 3 or 4 backing south 5 to 7, then veering southwest.
Slight or moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 3 or 4 backing south 5 to 7, then veering southwest.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or drizzle at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Trough soon clears away from Shetland and a ridge of high pressure builds briefly from the west. Low reaching Iceland will push fronts across Shetland from later Wednesday afternoon.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northwest 5 or 6 soon decreasing 4, then backing southwest 3 or 4, later south 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in the northwest.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 02 Jan until 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 Jan:

South 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time, veering southwest 6 then west 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in the west.

Rain clearing later.

Moderate or good, perhaps poor at times.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, locally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 overnight, backing westerly or southwesterly during the morning, increasing 4 or 5 in the afternoon, perhaps occasionally 6 in the north.

Moderate, locally rather rough, becoming slight for a time in the morning.

Patchy light rain or drizzle, mostly around the middle of the day.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4, locally 5 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 by dawn, further decreasing 2 or 3 later.

Moderate becoming slight, with swell.

Risk of a little drizzle overnight.

Good, perhaps occasionally moderate or poor overnight.

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