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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Tuesday 01 January to 1200 UTC Wednesday 02 January
2013

General Situation

A west- to northwesterly airflow has become established across the British Isles associated with a ridge of high pressure. As this ridge moves away to the east, an Atlantic weather system will replace it through tomorrow, bringing strengthening winds, gales developing in many northwestern areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north, becoming slight in Moray Firth.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough at times north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west later near Rattray Head, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, backing southwest 3 or 4, then south 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 4, backing southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first, rain later in far north.

Good, occasionally moderate later in far north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later in west.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.

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.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, rough at times in west.

Fair, occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough until later west of land's end.

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 west or southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Fair, occasional rain or drizzle later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
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 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later near St Davids Head.
Moderate.
Rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near St Davids Head.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwest 5 or 6, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later in north.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West backing southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor later.

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

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, backing southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5,

increasing 6 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 4 or 5, then south or southwest 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in far south, backing southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly veering westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6, backing west 3 or 4, then south or southwest 5 to 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, rain or drizzle later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering west 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Tuesday 01 Jan 2013 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 02 Jan 2013 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression northeast of Shetland will slowly fill. A ridge of high pressure will move east over Shetland on Wednesday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northwesterly gale force 8

Northwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 in the north, decreasing 5 later in the south.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in northwest.
Showers dying out.
Good.

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

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 3 or 4 then south 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, but very rough at first in northwest.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, locally 6, decreasing 3 or 4 by dawn and backing west to southwest during the morning, increasing 4 or 5 by midday.
Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight to moderate by dawn.
Isolated showers, dying out in the evening, becoming cloudy before dawn with rain, drizzle and a risk of coastal fog patches during the morning.
Good except in showers, becoming moderate to poor in the morning, perhaps very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, very soon veering westerly, decreasing 3 or 4 on Thursday.
Slight to moderate, with a swell.
Occasional rain or drizzle, dying out overnight risk of coastal fog patches.
Moderate, poor in rain or drizzle, perhaps very poor.

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