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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 December to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 December 2013

General Situation

A complex depression, centred 200 miles south of Iceland, will move very rapidly eastwards, passing between Scotland and the faeroe islands overnight. This will bring severe gales and storm force winds to northern areas of the United Kingdom on Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10 later, perhaps increasing violent storm 11 for a time later.

Rough or very rough, but very rough or high in north, becoming very high for a time in north.

Occasional rain, squally snow showers later.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, but very rough or high in north, occasionally very high at first in north.

Squally snow showers.

Moderate becoming good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later, veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair then rain, squally snow showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in far north.

Snow showers, squally in north.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later, then veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Fair then rain, squally snow showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough.

Snow showers for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps increasing storm 10 for a time later, then veering northwest later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain for a time later, snow showers later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough.
Snow showers for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, then veering northwesterly later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Rain then snow showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly, backing westerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 6 to gale 8, veering northwesterly 6 or 7, then decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight in west.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North, backing west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight.
Rain or showers for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North, backing west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later, occasionally gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 later.
Rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain or showers for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:

Northerly, backing westerly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later, then veering
northwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8
later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.
Fair then rain or squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, then veering
northwest 6 or 7 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.
Rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west.
Rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers at first.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time,
perhaps increasing violent storm 11 for a time in north.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.
Rain or squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.
Moderate or rough becoming slight, but very rough or high, becoming moderate in

north.
Rain or squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time, perhaps increasing violent storm 11 for a time in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough, but high for a time later near the Mull of Kintyre.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest later, 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later, then decreasing 7 later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in west.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southeast later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then sleet.

Moderate or good, becoming poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest later, gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later, then decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far south and in north.

Occasional rain, squally snow showers later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southeast later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north and at first in far south.

Snow showers, sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest later, gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later, then decreasing 6 or 7 later.

High, becoming very high for a time.

Occasional rain, squally snow showers later.

Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southeast later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

High, becoming very rough.

Snow showers, sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland

Valid Wednesday 04 Dec 2013 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 Dec 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Various fronts affect Shetland waters today then rapidly deepening depression tracks quickly east across Shetland waters early Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8 increasing storm force 10 imminent then increasing violent storm force 11 later

Westerly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time in north, then becoming cyclonic gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 in south. Very rough or high, but moderate or rough in lee of east Shetland. Squally showers, later rain in south, sleet or snow in north. Good or moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Dec until 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Dec:

Cyclonic soon north or northwest gale 8 or severe gale 9, but storm 10 perhaps violent storm 11 at first in southeast. Very rough or high, but rough in lee of east Shetland. Rain or snow at first then squally wintry showers. Good or moderate, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North to northeast 4 to 5, locally 6 at first, decreasing 2 to 4 by midnight, backing northwest to west increasing 6 in the afternoon, locally 7 in the north of the area.

Moderate to rather rough, decreasing slight for a time, then locally rough in the north of the area Thursday afternoon.

Risk of a shower this evening.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, locally 7 in the north at first, decreasing 2 to 4 by Friday morning, backing west by evening.

Moderate to rather rough, locally rough mid-channel at first, decreasing to become slight.

Cloudy in the afternoon with the risk of shower overnight, becoming fair on Friday.

Mainly good.

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