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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Sunday 01 January to 0600 UTC Monday 02 January 2012

#### General Situation

A strong westerly or southwesterly airflow will affect all areas during the next couple of days, bringing progressively colder air with rain or showers at times. A deep area of low pressure will then approach from the west early on Tuesday, potentially bringing stormy conditions for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times in Moray Firth.

Rough or very rough in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing southeast later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate south of Wick, otherwise rough or very rough becoming very rough or high.

Squally showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 for a time in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate.

Showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first.

Showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight at first.

Showers, occasionally wintry, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or drizzle at times, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or drizzle at times, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later west of the Lizard.

Showers, squally at times, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in west.  
Showers, squally at times, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering west, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later, decreasing 4 for a time.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in south.  
Showers, wintry or squally at times, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Moderate, occasionally rough later.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, wintry or squally at times, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Mainly moderate in east, moderate becoming rough in north.  
Showers, squally at times.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Mainly moderate in east, rough or very rough in north.  
Showers, squally or wintry at times, rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers, squally at times.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in north.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high later in north.

Showers, squally or wintry at times, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times later.

Very rough or high.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time near Tiree.

Squally showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor west of the Outer Hebrides.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south.

Squally showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of the Outer Hebrides.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor west of the Outer Hebrides.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time west of the Outer Hebrides.

Squally showers, wintry at times, rain later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first.

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

Valid Sunday 01 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC until Sunday 01 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low complex will be slow moving close to Iceland.

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

Southwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Sunday 01 Jan until 0600 UTC on Monday 02

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Southwest 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing south 4 to 6, veering west this evening increasing 6 or 7 with gusts to 45kts.

Rather rough becoming rough.

Rain or drizzle and coastal fog patches, becoming persistent and heavy this afternoon, clearing this evening, then scattered rain or hail showers developing.

Moderate to very poor, becoming good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 or 7 with gusts to 45kts, soon backing south for a short time 4 to 6, then generally backing southwest later on Monday 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 on Tuesday.

Rough or very rough.

Scattered rain or hail showers giving way to rain on Tuesday.

Good except in showers or rain.

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