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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

#### General Situation

High pressure in the mid Atlantic will build with a ridge extending across the United Kingdom.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 occasionally 7, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southwest 3 or 4, veering west or northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering north 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough around Rattray Head.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, then veering 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast, becoming variable 3 or 4, then northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, veering north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or showers later.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast, backing northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate occasionally rough for a time.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing north later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far south, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate in southwest at first.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in south.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or 4, backing northeast 2 or 3, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.  
Showers.  
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5.  
Moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
East to northeast 5 in the south, otherwise 6 to 7 with gusts to 40 knots,  
decreasing 4 to 5 during the evening.  
Moderate in the south and east, to rough in the north and west of the area.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 to 5, decreasing 3 to 4 Friday morning and backing north to  
northwest later.  
Moderate, becoming slight to moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 04 Mar 2010 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 04 Mar 2010 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A ridge of high pressure covering Shetland will decline during Thursday as a low develops east from Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue

Variable 3 or less becoming southwest 4 or 5.

Slight to moderate.

Fair then patchy rain and sleet.

Good becoming moderate at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 04 Mar until 0000 UTC on Friday 05 Mar:

Southwest 4 or 5 veering west 5 or 6, then northwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight to moderate, occasionally rough later.

Patchy rain.

Moderate or good.

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