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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 03 February 2011

#### General Situation

Intense areas of low pressure will bring very unsettled and very windy conditions to the United Kingdom during the next few days with the prospect of very stormy winds at times in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing southerly gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough, becoming high or very high in north.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time in north, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

In east, rough in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough, in north, very rough or high, occasionally very high.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times, backing southerly 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough near Rattray Head.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough towards Rattray Head.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing south 7 to severe gale 9 later. Moderate.

Rain or showers, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering southwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, veering westerly 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Occasional rain, then fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in east.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west later.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in far west.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, perhaps gale 8 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in southwest later.  
Occasional showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.  
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in southwest.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.  
Occasional showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time in north.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain or drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.  
Rough, occasionally very rough later.  
Occasional showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering west 5 or 6 for a time.  
Rough, occasionally very rough in north and west.  
Rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 6 or 7, backing south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9.  
Rough or very rough.  
Fair, rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering west 4 for a time.  
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate for a time.  
Rain at times.  
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north, backing southerly gale 8 to storm 10 later.  
Mainly moderate in east, rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.  
Showers, rain later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southerly, veering westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in north, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.  
Moderate or rough in southeast, very rough or high in north, occasionally very

high in northwest.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time, backing southerly gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Moderate in south, rough or very rough in north.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough in south, otherwise rough or very rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, backing south gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm force 11 at first, decreasing 6 for a time.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, backing southerly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 later.

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

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, perhaps hurricane force 12 for a time in northwest, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.

Rough, but very rough or high in south and far north.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, backing southerly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 later.

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

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, perhaps hurricane force 12 for a time in northwest, backing southerly 4 or 5 later.

High or very high, becoming phenomenal for a time in west.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Wednesday 02 Feb 2011 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 0600 UTC

## Shetland Isles

### General Situation

Deep low tracking northeast across Iceland with the strong or gale force southwesterly winds pushing a series of fronts across Shetland.

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

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing occasionally 5 in south.  
Rough or very rough in east, but high in west and building very high in far west later.  
Rain soon clearing to showers, but further rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb until 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing occasionally severe gale 9, but 5 at first in southeast.  
High or very high in west, very rough occasionally high in east, but moderate or rough close to more sheltered east Shetland coast.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

### Channel Islands - (SWW)

#### 24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 mid-channel, veering westerly, decreasing 3 or 4 overnight, backing southwesterly in the morning, increasing 4 or 5 in the afternoon, locally 6 later.  
Moderate or rather rough, perhaps locally rough in north, becoming slight to moderate for a time.  
Rain or drizzle with a risk of coastal fog patches, clearing overnight.  
Moderate or poor, perhaps locally very poor, becoming good.

#### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 in south to 6 in the north, increasing 5 to 7 overnight, occasionally gale 8 on Friday.  
Moderate or rather rough in south, rough in north.  
Risk of a little drizzle on Friday.  
Good, perhaps locally moderate.

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