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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 02 May to 0000 UTC Thursday 03 May 2012

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure to the north of Scotland will drift slowly westwards into the Atlantic as the area of low pressure to the southwest of the United Kingdom continues to move away.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in north.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight, occasionally moderate later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming north or northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

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

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in north.

Rain or thundery showers, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northerly 4 or 5 later near North Foreland.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers later, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5 at first near North Foreland, otherwise variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers, fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor at first, becoming moderate or good later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming north 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain or showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly, backing northerly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in south.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain later in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, moderate at first near Lands End.

Fog patches, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable, mainly north later, 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Fog patches later, occasional rain later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable, mainly easterly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then northwesterly 5 or 6 later near Mull of Galloway.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast, becoming variable for a time, 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast backing north 3 or 4.  
Slight.  
Fair.  
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain at first.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 later in northeast.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later in north.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeasterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain at first.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 later in North Channel.

Slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in far north.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north 5 for a time in far south, then north or northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north 5 for a time in far south, then north or northeast 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, becoming rough in north.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 May 2012 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 02 May 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weak trough will head over northeastern waters at first then high pressure builds across again early Wednesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southwest veering west or northwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair, occasional light rain in north.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 02 May until 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 May:

West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 2 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

East backing northeast 3 or 4 further backing north 2 or 3 by evening then becoming variable or northwest by end of period.

Slight.

Slight risk of a shower at first fog patches in the north by midday further risk of rain late period.

Good but poor or very poor in fog.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 2 to 4.

Slight.

Occasional rain early Thursday otherwise fair.

Moderate to good.

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