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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

High pressure centred near Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom. This ridge will decline later on Monday and Tuesday, as troughs continue to move south from the Norwegian Sea.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later near Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4, backing northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Moderate becoming slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north, backing westerly later.

Slight occasionally moderate in far north.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, backing northerly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast, backing north or northwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, but moderate for a time in west.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, occasionally 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far west.

Showers, wintry for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing west or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in east.

Wintry showers later.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate for a time.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less, becoming west or northwest 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight occasionally moderate.
Wintry showers later.
Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in south.
Wintry showers later.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 3 or less, occasionally 4 at first, backing north or northwest later.
Slight becoming smooth.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north later.
Smooth becoming slight.
Fair then wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast, backing northwest 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth later.
Wintry showers later in north.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later, veering north 5 or 6 later.
Smooth becoming slight, occasionally moderate later in far north.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast, backing northwest 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate becoming smooth later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Smooth becoming slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 3 or less, backing north later.

Smooth occasionally slight at first.

Wintry showers later.

Good occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or less, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth becoming slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in north, backing northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north, veering northeasterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, squally later.

Good occasionally poor.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time in north, backing northwesterly later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate north of skye.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north, veering northeasterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough north of skye.

Wintry showers, squally later.

Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southeast 3 to 4, backing east to northeast 4 to 5 by afternoon, occasionally 6 in mid-channel.

Slight, becoming moderate, perhaps rather rough for a time, in the north and west later.

Fair scattered wintry showers developing in the north and west, dying out by evening.

Very good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East to northeast 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in mid-channel, backing northeast to north early Tuesday and decreasing 2 to 4.

Slight in the south and east of the area, otherwise moderate.

Occasional wintry showers, mainly in the north and west of the area.
Good locally moderate in showers.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC until Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weak ridge of high pressure across Shetland moves away south over mainland UK. A series of troughs then move south across the area in a cold northerly flow.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northwest 3 or 4 in the southeast at first, otherwise north or northwest 4 or 5, veering north or northeast 5 or 6.

Locally slight in shelter off southeast Shetland at first otherwise moderate becoming rough in the north and east.

Wintry showers, later isolated.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan until 0600 UTC on Monday 04 Jan:

North or northeast 5 or 6 backing northwest 5 to 7, later veering north 6 in the north.

Moderate or rough.

Few wintry showers, later increasing.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

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