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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Thursday 03 November to 1200 UTC Friday 04 November
2011

General Situation

A large, complex area of low pressure will remain slow-moving over the north Atlantic, keeping conditions unsettled across the United Kingdom with thundery rain or showers and strong southeasterly winds for a time. The wind will tend to ease during the course of Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near Orkney, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near Sutherland.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 becoming west or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 4 or 5, then veering north or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Rain or showers, thundery at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic becoming south 4 or 5, backing east then north 2 or 3 later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers, thundery at first, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally, thundery showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 or 6 backing northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly, veering southerly later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or squally, thundery showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 or 6 backing northeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Thundery showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Squally, thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming cyclonic then north, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, veering northwesterly 3 or 4 later except in far east.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Squally, thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 at first in far east, otherwise northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Thundery showers, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, veering westerly or northwesterly later except in eastern Bristol Channel.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Squally, thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4 at first in eastern Bristol Channel, otherwise westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in south.

Squally, thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate.

Thundery showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, veering west or southwest later.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north or northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in North Channel, decreasing 3 or 4, veering westerly later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Thundery showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering west or northwest later, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in North Channel, veering southerly 3 or 4, then veering westerly 3 later.
Slight or moderate.
Squally, thundery showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, veering northwest at times, 3 or 4.
Moderate, becoming slight.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4, veering west or southwest later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Squally, thundery showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north.
Moderate, occasionally rough in west.
Showers.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, veering southerly 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South veering southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south.
Showers.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, veering southerly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.
Moderate or rough.
Thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly veering southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 03 Nov 2011 at 1200 UTC until Friday 04 Nov 2011 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A deep and complex depression to the west of the British Isles will move slowly northwest towards Iceland.

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

Southeast 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, but moderate just northwest of Shetland.

Rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Nov until 1200 UTC on Friday 04 Nov:

Southeast 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in the northeast, decreasing 5 later in the southwest.

Rough or very rough, but moderate just northwest of Shetland.

Rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6, soon decreasing 4 or 5, further decreasing 3 or 4 overnight, increasing 4 or 5 after dawn, perhaps locally 6.

Moderate in the south to rather rough in the north, decreasing slight or moderate for a time overnight.

Scattered showers, locally heavy with a risk of hail and thunder.

Good, locally moderate or poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, very soon veering west, further veering north or northeast 2 to 4 overnight, increasing 4 to 6 Saturday morning.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming slight for a time with a decreasing swell.

Scattered showers with a risk of thunder, dying out in the evening, then rain by late morning on Saturday.

Good, locally moderate or poor in showers and rain.

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