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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Tuesday 05 February to 1200 UTC Wednesday 06 February
2013

General Situation

A deep area of low pressure near Shetland will move southwards across western parts of the North Sea. The very strong and cold westerly to northwesterly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will veer northerly during the course of today and early on Wednesday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming north 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time until later.

Very high becoming high in north, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high later.

Rain, snow or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first and moderate in east later.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 4 or 5, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high later near Rattray Head.

Rain, snow or squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north and far south.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate, becoming rough later.

Rain, sleet or wintry showers, squally later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough becoming very rough occasionally high.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming north 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate, becoming rough later.

Rain, sleet or wintry showers, squally later.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Rough becoming very rough.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming northerly 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate, becoming rough later.
Rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, backing northwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northerly later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain, sleet or wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Rough becoming moderate.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering north later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough.
Squally showers, wintry at times.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Wintry showers then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in far west.
Rough or very rough in east, high or very high in west.
Squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in the far west, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.
High becoming rough in far west, otherwise rough or very rough becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, mainly fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in the far west, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

High near Cornwall, otherwise rough or very rough.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Showers, mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering north 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6, veering northwest 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Showers, mainly fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in the west.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in north.

Showers in south then fair.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally 9 in the west.

Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.

Squally showers, wintry at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 through the North Channel for a time.

Moderate to rough in east, otherwise very rough to high.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 through the North Channel for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in North Channel.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough at first in North Channel, otherwise slight or moderate.

Squally, wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

High or very high becoming very rough or high.

Squally, wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Squally showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

High in far north, otherwise rough or very rough.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Mainly moderate south of skye, rough or very rough north of skye.

Squally wintry showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

High or very high becoming very rough or high.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, backing northwest 5 to 7, then decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.

Squally wintry showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Tuesday 05 Feb 2013 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 06 Feb 2013 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low near Orkney with frontal trough extending northeast over Shetland waters.

Both low and trough sink south as strong northeasterly flow becomes established later Tuesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly severe gale 9.

Variable 4. soon northeast 7 to severe gale 9, backing northerly later.
Very rough or high.
Rain or wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Wednesday 06 Feb until 1200 UTC on Wednesday 06 Feb:
Northerly 7 to severe gale 9.
Very rough or high.
Squally snow showers.
Mainly good. Occasionally poor in showers.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 to gale 8, gusty near showers, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 around midnight, veering north before dawn, decreasing 6 to gale 8 in the morning.
Rough to very rough.
Scattered squally rain or hail showers, locally with thunder, becoming isolated by Wednesday morning.
Moderate to good, locally poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6 overnight, then 3 or 4 by midday Thursday.
Rough to very rough, becoming moderate to rather rough overnight and slight to moderate on Thursday.
Isolated showers, dying out early Wednesday evening.
Good except in showers.

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