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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Friday 03 May to 1800 UTC Saturday 04 May 2013

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure over Scotland will move away northeastwards, its associated weakening cold front moving erratically southwards overnight and on Saturday. Thereafter, pressure will be low near Iceland and high over Europe with a southwesterly airflow becoming established.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then variable 4, then becoming southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasional poor later in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, backing south or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming northwest, then backing southwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west for a time, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southwest, 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Fair.  
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3 or 4, veering southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southwesterly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Drizzle at first, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.

Drizzle at first, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Occasional drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Drizzle at first, fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle for a time later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Moderate.  
Drizzle at first, fog patches.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.  
Rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.  
Rain at first.  
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair, then occasional drizzle.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5, then backing south or southwest 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, then moderate later.  
Rain then fair.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 or 6.  
Moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 5 or 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough in north and northeast.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.  
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in north.  
Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering northwesterly for a time, 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough for a time in North Channel.  
Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, backing southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Fair, rain later in north.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in northwest.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4, backing southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate, becoming rough in far north and far south.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4, backing southwest 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate, becoming rough later.

Occasional rain, fair for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

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

Valid Friday 03 May 2013 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 04 May 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over Shetland on Friday afternoon, then a depression will move northeast over the northern North Sea on Friday night. It will move into Norway on Saturday as a large depression develops near Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain for a time in southeast.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 04 May until 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 May:

Northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4 then south or southwest 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in the west.  
Rain for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to southwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 guernsey northwards in the morning, perhaps 6 mid-channel.

Slight to moderate, increasing moderate to rather rough in the north Saturday morning.

Risk of patchy light rain or drizzle by the morning, especially in the north.

Good becoming moderate on Saturday, locally poor, especially in the north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4, soon decreasing 2 or 3, becoming variable 1 to 3 during Sunday morning.

Moderate in the north at first, otherwise slight with a low swell developing.

Risk of patchy light drizzle at first, especially in the north mist or fog patches for a time overnight.

Moderate to good, locally poor or very poor at times.

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