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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 02 March to 1200 UTC Saturday 03 March 2012

General Situation

High pressure across the United Kingdom will decline as low pressure in the Atlantic makes gradual eastward progress.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times west of Thurso and in Moray Firth.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly, veering westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first near Cape Wrath and in Moray Firth, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough at times in north.

Rain at first, wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain, fog patches.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first near Rattray Head, decreasing 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Rain at first, wintry showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in north.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first, becoming fair.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast 3 or less, increasing 4, veering south later.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 later.

Slight, becoming smooth later.

Rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly veering southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 later.

Slight, becoming smooth later.

Rain then showers, becoming fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle, rain later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate occasionally poor at first, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle, rain later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, veering west 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6, veering southwest later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle, rain then showers later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, veering north or northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough west of Lands End.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly 5 or 6, veering southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate becoming rough later in west.

Fog patches, occasional rain then showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6, veering southwest 4 for a time.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Fog patches, occasional rain then showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest, veering west or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.
Moderate or rough.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Fog patches at first, rain then showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, veering westerly or northwesterly, becoming variable 3 or less later in south.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering south or southwest later.
Slight, becoming moderate.
Fog patches at first, rain for a time later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 5 or 6, veering west or northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Fog patches at first in east, rain for a time later.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly, veering westerly or southwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in north.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west or northwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

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

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west or southwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far south.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 03 Mar 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure moves away to the east as low pressure over the Atlantic advances from the west. A strong south-easterly airflow will develop over Shetland waters by late Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Southeast 4, soon 5 and increasing 6.
Moderate or rough, but slight in the east at first.
Fair, occasional rain later.
Good, but moderate in the west later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar until 1200 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar:

Southeast 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Mainly fair, rain later.
Mainly good, becoming moderate later.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Southeast or variable 1 to 3, veering south to southwest 3 to 4 this evening, increasing 4 to 5 after midnight, veering southwest by midday.
Smooth or slight, increasing slight to moderate overnight.
Fog patches and occasional drizzle this afternoon and evening rain by dawn, clearing mid-morning.
Moderate to very poor becoming good during the morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 5, backing south 3 to 4 in the evening, increasing 5 during the morning.
Slight to moderate.
Rain on Sunday, locally heavy.
Good becoming moderate to poor on Sunday.

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