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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 05 December to 0000 UTC Thursday 06 December 2012

General Situation

A front, lying across central areas of the United Kingdom, will move southwards, to clear all areas by early afternoon. A cold, northerly airflow will follow. A weak ridge of high pressure will cross from the west on Wednesday night, before the next Atlantic low and associated fronts, moves southwards and eastwards to affect all areas on Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7, backing southwest 3 or 4.

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

Snow showers, squally for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic later.

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

Snow showers then rain or sleet.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers, squally for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain or sleet.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, then backing west 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers, squally for a time, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then veering northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing northwest, 3 or 4, increasing 6 or 7, then decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional sleet then snow showers, .

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Snow showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming northwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.

Occasional rain or sleet, then snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in south.

Moderate or rough.

Snow showers at first, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming northwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or sleet for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming north, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers, then rain or sleet for a time.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North, backing west or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or squally showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough in far west at first.

Showers, squally in west, then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest, backing west or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or squally showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight in sheltered east, otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far southwest at first.
Showers, squally at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering west or northwest 7 or gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Rain or showers, squally later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing west 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers, squally at first.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers, squally later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight.
Shower, then mainly fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Rain or showers, squally later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 6 or 7, then veering west or northwest later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest later.
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far north.
Showers then fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering west or northwest later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first.

Fair, then rain, squally showers later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest later.

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

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering west or northwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally slight at first.

Fair, then rain, squally showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough, becoming moderate.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Fair then rain, squally showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing south 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far north and far south.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far south and far north.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing south 5 or 6 later.

Rough, becoming moderate later.

Wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate at first.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Low pressure to the east of Shetland will move south across the North Sea, with a slight ridge building for a time on Wednesday night.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil at time of issue.

North or northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 4 in northwest.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor very poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 05 Dec until 0000 UTC on Thursday 06 Dec:

North or northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 in west later.

Moderate occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor very poor in showers.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6 with gusts to 40kt, occasionally 7, veering northerly during the morning, decreasing 4 or 5 in the evening and 3 or 4 by midnight.

Rather rough in the north to rough in the south, becoming moderate later.

Squally rain and hail showers with a risk of thunder, dying out in the afternoon.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 3 or 4, soon becoming variable 1 to 3, then southwest, increasing 4 or 5 by midday and 6 or 7 by late evening.

Locally moderate at first, otherwise slight with a swell, becoming rather rough to rough later.

Fair to cloudy, risk of a shower, outbreaks of rain later.

Good, locally moderate in showers or rain.

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