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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February to 1800 UTC Friday 03 February  
2012

#### General Situation

An anticyclone will become centred over England. A low and associated fronts will develop over the North Sea during Friday. Atlantic fronts will also make eastwards progress across northern areas on Saturday.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Fair, then rain and snow.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

West, backing southwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later near Rattray Head.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor later.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming west, 3 or less.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, backing south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Rain and snow later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor later.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming west or northwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south, backing southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Snow showers, snow for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, backing northerly or northwesterly, 5 or 6.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Snow showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, veering southeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in east.

Snow for a time in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in east.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, backing northerly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first near headlands.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly, veering southerly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, and later in west.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Rain later in west.

Good, becoming moderate later in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, then veering westerly later in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west of the Lizard peninsula.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, veering southerly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west, then veering southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first in Bristol Channel.

Fair then rain.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering south 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South, veering west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth at first.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth in south.

Wintry showers, then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or less, veering south or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west later, 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.  
Slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in North Channel.  
Fair then rain or showers, sleet for a time.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southeast 4 or 5, veering south 5 or 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far south.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough, but slight near Raasay and northern waters of Skye.  
Occasional rain, squally showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.  
Rough, occasionally very rough later.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7.  
Rough or very rough.  
Occasional rain, squally showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 02 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC until Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia to the British Isles with frontal trough over Shetland gradually moving east.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

West or northwest 4 or 5 occasionally 3 later, but southwest 5 in east at first.

Mainly rough, but moderate in southeast.  
Rain or sleet gradually clearing.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 03 Feb until 1800 UTC on Friday 03 Feb:

West or northwest backing south, 3 or 4, later increasing 4 or 5 occasionally 6 in east.

Rough in west, moderate occasionally slight later, in east.

Mainly fair.

Mostly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5, occasionally 6 with gusts to 35kt this evening, decreasing 4 overnight, backing northerly further decreasing 2 or 3 during the afternoon.

Moderate, locally rather rough in the north this evening, becoming slight tomorrow.

Isolated wintry showers tomorrow morning.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 or 2 in the morning then mainly southeast to south 2 to 3 in the afternoon, locally 4 in the west later.

Slight.

Rain likely by late Saturday afternoon.

Good.

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