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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Sunday 04 March to 0000 UTC Monday 05 March 2012

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure will move through the English Channel during the next 24 hours, becoming slow-moving later on Sunday. Strong to gale-force winds are expected for a time in association with the low and troughs of low pressure will bring unsettled windy conditions to most northern areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, but 3 or 4 throughout in Moray Firth, veering westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north at first, becoming slight later in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain in east, wintry showers in north and west.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 3 or 4.

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

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in south.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in far south.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, veering northerly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at first in south, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain at times, occasional sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, veering north 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.  
Sleet at first, becoming fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in north.

Rain at times, sleet later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time, veering northerly and decreasing 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northeast.

Rain or sleet.

Moderate or poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northwesterly 5 to 7.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first near North Foreland, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate, occasionally rough near North Foreland.

Rain or sleet in east, fair in west.

Moderate or poor in east, otherwise good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

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

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Showers then fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming west or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in Bristol Channel.  
Showers.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest, veering northwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in south.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming northwest 5 or 6, perhaps 7 later.  
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Showers.  
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, but southwesterly 5 at first in far north, becoming westerly or northwesterly 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.  
Showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.  
Rough in north, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight becoming moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in North Channel.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming westerly or northwesterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in south and west.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south and later in far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming west or southwest 4 or 5, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 0000 UTC until Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A front will move northeast away from Shetland and the surrounding waters, before a trough extends north towards the Isles.

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

South or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5.  
Very rough or high, occasionally rough later.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar until 0000 UTC on Monday 05 Mar:

South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3.  
Rough or very rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 3 to 4 soon increasing 4 to 5, occasionally 6, veering northwest 5 to 6 by late morning, increasing 6 to 7 by evening, perhaps locally gale 8 for a time.  
Slight to moderate, increasing rough by the afternoon.  
Rain, locally heavy, clearing early afternoon isolated showers of rain or hail developing later.  
Moderate to poor in rain becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 6, perhaps occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 to 5 in the evening and veering north.  
Rough, gradually decreasing moderate to rather rough, with a swell.  
Risk of rain or hail showers at first.  
Mainly good.

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