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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 02 January to 0000 UTC Friday 03 January 2014

#### General Situation

Remaining very windy and unsettled over the next couple of days, especially later on Thursday and into Friday, when another deep and vigorous low is expected to track northeastwards to the northwest of the British Isles.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around Orkney, veering southwest 5 or 6, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Very rough at first near Orkney and Rattray Head, otherwise moderate or rough. Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in east.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Orkney and Rattray Head.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest 5 or 6, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later. Moderate or rough, but very rough at first near Rattray Head.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southeasterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in east.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, veering southwest 4 or 5, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later. Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, veering southwest 4 or 5, then backing southeast 5 to 7 later. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east, veering southwesterly 4 or 5, then backing southerly 5 to 7 later.

Rough at first in east, otherwise slight or moderate.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east, veering southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough in east.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 7 or gale 8, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing southerly 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Rain at first, then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly veering southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing south 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5, then increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in lyme bay, .

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 near exposed headlands.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time in far west.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5, then increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly gale 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in west.

Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in west.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, then backing south 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far southwest.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest gale 8 to storm 10.

Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in southwest.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then backing south 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest gale 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 later.

Rough or very rough, but moderate at first in Liverpool Bay.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, then backing south 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in far southeast and far northwest.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far southeast and far northwest.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West backing southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 at first, then backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in northwest.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough in east, very rough or high in west.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6, then backing southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south gale 8 to storm 10, then veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6, then backing southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough, becoming very rough later in southwest.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, veering south gale 8 to storm 10, then veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in southwest.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 02 Jan 2014 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 02 Jan 2014 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex area of low pressure will remain slow moving to the west of Scotland with a series of frontal troughs moving across Shetland over the next few days.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly gale 8

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9 veering southwest 6 or 7 in south later.  
Rough or very rough becoming high in northeast.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, perhaps occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 02 Jan until 0000 UTC on Friday 03 Jan:

Southwest backing south 5 to 7, but southeast 7 to severe gale 9 in north at first.

Very rough occasionally high in northeast, becoming rough.

Rain soon clearing to isolated showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southwest 5 to 6, very soon veering west to northwest 6 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 5 by midday, further backing south increasing 6 to gale 8 by midnight.

Rough, locally very rough moderating.

Scattered showers, dying out rain spreading from the west Thursday evening.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to 7, locally gale 8 mid-channel, soon veering southwest, further increasing 7 to severe gale 9 during the day.

Rather rough to rough becoming rough to very rough.

Rain overnight, then scattered rain or hail showers.

Good except in rain or showers.

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