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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 05 December to 1200 UTC Thursday 06 December 2012

General Situation

A cold northerly airflow today will be followed by a weak ridge of high pressure overnight. The next Atlantic low will then move southeastwards across northern areas to be over the southern North Sea by midday Friday, its associated fronts affecting all areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, but 6 or 7 at first in far southeast, backing southerly or southeasterly 5 to 7, then veering southwesterly 4 or 5 later in west.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Snow showers, squally at first in east, rain or sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7 in east at first otherwise westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 veering northerly 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet then squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing south 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Snow showers, rain or sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering north 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North backing south 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Rough occasionally very rough, becoming moderate.

Snow showers at first, rain or sleet later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering north 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally snow showers then fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering north or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight for a time.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest backing southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time in north.
Squally wintry showers, fair later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate in south, moderate or rough in north.
Fair then rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7 backing southwest 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or sleet in east at first then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough, then moderate or rough later.
Fair then rain, showers later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, then veering northwest 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Fair then rain, showers later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough in far west at first.
Showers mainly in west.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, but mainly 5 just at first.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in far west.
Showers, rain for a time.
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 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight in east, moderate in west, but rough in far southwest at first.
Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, but mainly 5 in far east.

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

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 becoming variable 3 or less, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 2 or 3, then southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Mainly slight, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor at first, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less then south 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers mainly in north, then rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less then south 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less then south 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then rain, squally showers later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then rain, squally wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming south 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 5 to 7 later.

Rough.

Wintry showers then rain, squally wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest veering north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers, mainly fair later.

Good.

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

Valid Wednesday 05 Dec 2012 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 06 Dec 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Shallow low in southern Norwegian Sea with a series of showery troughs moving

south in the flow over Shetland until early Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly gale force 8 at time of issue

Northeast 5 or 6 at first in southeast otherwise north or northwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Rough, decreasing moderate in south and east later.

Wintry showers.

Good but moderate or poor at times.

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

Northwest 4 or 5 soon variable 3, becoming southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in southwest.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers, later sleet but rain in west and south.

Good or moderate, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 6 with gusts to 40kt, decreasing 4 to 5 this evening, veering southeast 1 to 3 by dawn, then south to southwest 4 to 5 by midday.

Rather rough to rough, decreasing slight overnight, locally moderate by midday.

Isolated rain or hail showers.

Good or very good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 to 5, increasing 6 to 7 during the evening, veering west to northwest around midnight, locally gale 8.

Moderate with a swell, becoming rough overnight.

Scattered showers a period of rain overnight, then further showers Friday morning.

Moderate to good, perhaps locally poor overnight.

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