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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 02 February to 0600 UTC Sunday 03 February  
2013

#### General Situation

A cold northerly airflow at first will give way as a ridge of high pressure builds in from the west during today. This will be followed by the next Atlantic frontal systems moving eastwards across the United Kingdom through the rest of the weekend and Monday.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, but in north, increasing gale 8, and veering westerly later.

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

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in northwest later.

Slight near shore in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high north and west of Orkney.

Rain, squally showers for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, but mainly 4 or 5 in firths of Forth and Tay, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later, then increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west for a time, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain, showers for a time.

Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 later, then increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times.

Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

#### Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 later, then southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.  
Moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Wintry showers, fair later.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 and backing west later.  
Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Showers, fair later.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 and backing west later.  
Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 5 to 7 backing west 3 or 4 later, then southwest 4 or 5.  
Slight near shore east of the Lizard, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, but mainly 4 or 5 in far east, backing southwesterly 3 or 4 later, then increasing 5 or 6 in west.  
Slight or moderate, but rough at first in west.

Showers, rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.  
Slight in far east otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North 4 or 5 backing west 3 or 4, then southwest 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair, rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair then rain, showers later.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 6 or 7 later.  
Mainly moderate.  
Showers, rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 3, increasing 5 to 7 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair, rain for a time later.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest, backing southwest for a time, 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 3, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southwest for a time, 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5 backing south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later, then veering west.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southwest for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in west later.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering west.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 for a time, but increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, backing south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 later, then veering west.

Rough.

Showers, rain for a time later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 for a time, but increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later.

Rough, becoming very rough or high.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

#### General Situation

A northerly airflow eases on Saturday as a transient ridge moves in from the west. A deep depression east of Iceland pushes fronts across the area on Sunday.

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

North 5 to 7 becoming variable 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 02 Feb until 0600 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south, later veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 6 to 7, decreasing 5 to 6 by midday and 4 to 5 during the evening, backing northwest to west 3 to 4 after midnight.

Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate after midnight.

Scattered rain or hail showers, soon dying out risk of rain in the far west by Sunday morning.

Good, locally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 to 4, locally southwest for a time, increasing mainly 5 to 6 by midday.

Moderate with a swell, becoming rather rough to rough by evening.

Outbreaks of rain and drizzle spreading from the west, clearing Monday morning.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain and drizzle.

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