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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Thursday 01 March to 1800 UTC Friday 02 March 2012

#### General Situation

High pressure centred near Start Point at first will maintain settled conditions with light winds and areas of fog in many coastal areas, but a slow-moving front, associated with strong winds at times, will affect Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough, perhaps very rough later, in north.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in north.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 4 later.

Smooth.

Fog patches later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 3 or 4, veering south 4 or 5.

Smooth becoming slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly or southeasterly 4 later in north.  
Smooth.

Fog patches becoming fog banks for a time.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 3 or 4, veering southerly 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less.

Smooth.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5.  
Smooth becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 4 later in west.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches or fog banks, occasional drizzle later.  
Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 3 or 4, veering south or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time later.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain or drizzle, showers later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth becoming slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain then squally showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly or southeasterly 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly or southwesterly 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.  
Fog patches at first, occasional rain then squally showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, backing southeasterly, 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth later in north.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly, veering westerly or southwesterly, 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fog patches at first, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate near Mull of Galloway.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast, veering southwest later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Smooth, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south or southeast 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fog patches.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, veering west or southwest 6 or 7 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Fog patches at first, rain at times later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, veering westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at times, fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight.  
Occasional drizzle.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, veering westerly or southwesterly later.

Slight or moderate.  
Rain or drizzle at times.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming south or southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast, veering west or northwest, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

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

Occasional rain or drizzle at first, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, veering southerly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later in south, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain until later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly, veering westerly or southwesterly later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later, but 4 until later in north.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far south.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 later in south.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain until later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly, veering westerly or southwesterly later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later, but 4 until later in north.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Thursday 01 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC until Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

With a ridge now building a cooler north-westerly flow is established. A freshening south-easterly flow develops during Friday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Northwest 4, becoming variable 3 or less, then southeast 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, but slight to the east of Shetland.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 02 Mar until 1800 UTC on Friday 02 Mar:  
Southeast 4, increasing 6 or 7.  
Moderate or rough. slight to the east of Shetland at first.  
Mainly fair, occasional rain later.  
Good.

#### Channel Islands

##### 24 hour forecast:

Northeast or variable 1 to 3, becoming east overnight then southeast during the afternoon and increasing 4 by Friday evening.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mist or fog, thinning and lifting during the morning and mostly clearing by Friday evening.  
Moderate to very poor, becoming good by Friday evening.

##### Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 to 4, veering south 4 by midnight, occasionally 5, veering southwest during Saturday morning increasing 5, locally 6 in the north.  
Smooth or slight with a swell, becoming moderate, locally rather rough.  
Any mist or fog patches soon clearing occasional rain in the morning.  
Poor or very becoming mainly good later.

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