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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 05 December to 0600 UTC Friday 06 December
2013

General Situation

An intense depression near northern Scotland will move very rapidly eastwards into southern Scandinavia. A ridge of high pressure will build across the United Kingdom during Thursday and Friday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest storm 10 to hurricane force 12, decreasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, but in north, high or very high.

Squally snow showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 4, then southeast 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough, but in north, high or very high, becoming rough or very rough.

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

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate in shelter otherwise rough or very rough.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, becoming variable 4.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Snow showers at first, rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Rain later.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain later.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, backing southwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7 backing southwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8 then veering northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in east.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.
Occasional rain, then wintry showers for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest backing west 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest gale 8 or severe gale 9 veering northwest 6 to gale 8,
decreasing 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough for a time.
Rain then showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far northwest.
Occasional rain, showers for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far northwest at first.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, showers for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high in west.
Occasional rain, squally wintry showers for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, but high or very high in west at first.
Occasional rain.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far south and far north.
Squally wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north at first.
Wintry showers, then rain or sleet.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
High or very high, becoming very rough or high later.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 5 to 7, veering southwest later.
Very rough or high.
Wintry showers, then rain or sleet.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 05 Dec 2013 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 05 Dec 2013 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A rapidly deepening depression will track quickly east across Shetland waters early Thursday followed by a cold and very strong northerly airflow.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly storm force 10 veering northwesterly and increasing hurricane force 12 imminent.

Cyclonic becoming northerly gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 in south at first.

Very rough or high.

Rain then snow showers, some with thunder.

Moderate, occasionally poor or very poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Dec until 0600 UTC on Friday 06 Dec:

Northerly gale 8 or severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first.

Very rough or high, becoming very high in north and west.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor or very poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 3 or 4, soon increasing 4 to 6, then 6 or 7 in the afternoon, decreasing 5 or 6 during the evening and veering northwest to north, further decreasing 4 or 5 by morning.

Slight to moderate, becoming rather rough or rough, moderating overnight.

Fair, becoming cloudy by afternoon with the risk of light showers in the evening.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to north 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3 by midday, backing west to southwest 3 or 4 by evening.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming mainly slight.

Fair.

Good.

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