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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 02 May to 1800 UTC Thursday 03 May 2012

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure to the northwest of Scotland will slowly drift away westwards allowing frontal systems to move southwards across all areas.

#### Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming mainly northerly in north later, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight, but mainly moderate north and west of Orkney.

Fog patches in Moray Firth for a time, rain in far north later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in Moray Firth.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less in south at first, otherwise northerly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north and east.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

#### Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming north 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far north later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

#### Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4 increasing 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers mainly in south.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, becoming variable 3 or 4 later except in far north.

Slight or moderate.

Thundery rain or showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly northerly or northwesterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Mainly slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming southwesterly for a time, 2 or 3, occasionally 4, becoming northeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, but occasionally moderate in far east.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming southwesterly for a time, then northeasterly later, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northeast, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming mainly northeasterly, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly northerly or northeasterly, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

Smooth or slight.

Thundery rain or showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly east or northeast, 2 or 3, occasionally 4.  
Smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west at first, becoming variable at times later in Cardigan Bay.

Smooth or slight.

Thundery rain or showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly northerly or northeasterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4, increasing 5 or 6 in north later.

Smooth or slight.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly or northeasterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time in Solway Firth.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain in far south later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4 becoming northeasterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far west later.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.

Slight, becoming moderate for a time in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly or northeasterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4, backing northwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in northwest later.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches for a time otherwise fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in northwest later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3, occasionally 4, becoming northerly 5 in north later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in west later.

Fog patches for a time, otherwise fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in north.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

The Minch

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly north or northeast 2 or 3, occasionally 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in far north.

Occasional rain in north later.

Good, occasionally moderate in far north later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough except in good shelter.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly north or northeast 2 or 3, occasionally 4, increasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain in north later.

Good, occasionally moderate in far north later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 May 2012 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 03 May 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure extending east across Shetland will continue to decline, as a broad trough moves south to lie across the islands by midday on Thursday.

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

West or northwest 2 or 3 increasing 3 or 4.  
Slight becoming slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair, but patchy rain in the north later.  
Mainly good, but moderate at times in rain.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 03 May until 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 May:

West or northwest 3 or 4 veering and increasing north or northeast 4 or 5, but 5 or 6 in the northwest of the area later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Outbreaks of rain spreading south, turning showery in the north later.  
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Variable 1 to 3 becoming northeast 3 to 4 Thursday afternoon.

Smooth or slight.

Mist or sea fog in the north drifting south    slight risk of some rain overnight in the north.

Good locally moderate to very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to east 2 to 4.

Smooth or slight.

Mist or fog patches    risk of a little rain.

Moderate to poor locally very poor.

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