

Issued by the Met Office at 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 January 2008

Ser. No. 54

Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

General Situation

A strong, occasionally gale force, southeasterly airflow covers the United Kingdom. Wintry showers in north and east. A frontal band in the southwest will move very slowly northeastwards with risk of sleet in south and east for a time.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 to gale 8, but 5 at times in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, locally moderate in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 to north of Aberdeen, veering southwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 6 or 7 veering southerly 5 later.

Wintry showers, rain for a time later.

Good becoming moderate for a time later.

Rough or very rough.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 5 to 7 veering southerly 4 or 5.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet for a time later.

Good becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Rough becoming moderate.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 to 7 veering south 4.

Rain or sleet for a time.

Good becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Rough becoming moderate.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 offshore and around exposed headlands at first, decreasing 3 or 4 and veering southerly later.

Occasional rain or sleet then mainly fair.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Moderate becoming slight.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 offshore and around exposed headlands at first, decreasing 3 or 4 and veering southerly later.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate occasionally rough at first in west.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

East 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 around exposed headlands at first, backing northeast 3 or 4 and veering south later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Rough, becoming moderate in east.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4, veering southerly 4 or 5 later.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good.

Moderate, but rough in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, later veering southerly 5 or 6. Showers.

Moderate or good.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in St Georges Channel.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

East veering south 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate becoming slight.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East veering southeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Isolated wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

East veering south 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough becoming slight for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

East veering south 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough becoming slight for a time.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, later veering southeasterly 5 or 6.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Moderate or rough.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or southeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in for a time

north, decreasing 4 for a time.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.
Moderate or rough.

Shetland Isles

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or perhaps storm 10
later.

Wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Rough or very rough, becoming high in east later.

(c) Crown Copyright 2008