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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 04 April to 1200 UTC Thursday 05 April 2012

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure over southern England will gradually sink southwards during the next 24 hours. However, very windy conditions will persist across parts of England and Wales during Wednesday and into Thursday. A ridge of high pressure across Scotland will edge southwards and gradually introduce quieter conditions from the north.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 5 or 6.  
Moderate, occasionally slight in Moray Firth but rough at times in north.  
Wintry showers, then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly veering northeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.  
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in north, but slight at times in Moray Firth.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, decreasing 2 or 3, then backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.  
Rough at first in south, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Rain at times later.  
Mainly good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near fife and lothian.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south, becoming slight or moderate later.  
Mainly fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming west then northwest 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.  
Rough or very rough becoming moderate.  
Rain or sleet, then mainly fair later.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4 becoming variable 2, then becoming west or northwest 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3 at first in south, otherwise northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north.  
Slight at first in south, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, but perhaps rough at first near North Foreland.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later in east.  
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later near North Foreland.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, 5 to 7 at first in east, otherwise 4 or 5, but becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near North Foreland.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northeast 5 or 6.  
Smooth or slight becoming moderate.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing north 2 later.  
Moderate becoming slight.  
Showers at first.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly, 3 or 4 at first in east, otherwise 5 to 7, but occasionally gale 8 at first west of land's end.  
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough towards land's end.  
Rain or thundery showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing north later.  
Rough at first towards land's end, otherwise moderate, but becoming mainly slight later.  
Showers, then fair.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, but gale 8 or severe gale 9 at first in far west.  
Moderate in east, rough or very rough becoming moderate in west.  
Rain or thundery showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing northwest later.  
Moderate becoming mainly slight.  
Showers at first.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first near pembrookeshire,  
decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, but very rough southwest of aberystwyth at first.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5 backing north 2 or 3, then backing northwest 3 or 4 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in south, decreasing 4 or 5,  
becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers then fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northwest 4.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.  
Rain at times later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 6 or 7 decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 2 or 3 later.  
Moderate or rough becoming smooth or slight.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northwest 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.  
Fair then occasional rain or drizzle.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly, 5 to 7 at first in east, otherwise 4 or 5, becoming  
variable 2 or 3 later.  
Moderate or rough at first in east, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 2 or 3 becoming northwest 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in North Channel, becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming westerly later.

Moderate becoming mainly slight.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 2 or 3 veering northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in North Channel.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 2 or 3, then becoming westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 backing southwest 4 or 5, veering west or northwest later.

Slight or moderate south of skye, moderate or rough north of skye.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Cape Wrath, veering west or northwest later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Moderate, occasionally rough west of the Outer Hebrides until later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Apr 2012 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 05 Apr 2012 at 0000 UTC

## Shetland Isles

### General Situation

An occluded front will move southeast across Shetland today, with further fronts moving southeast across the Isles on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil in force at time of Issue.

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.  
Moderate, but slight in sheltered eastern waters.  
Occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Apr until 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 Apr:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, veering northwest later.  
Moderate, but slight in sheltered eastern waters.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Moderate or good.

### Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, soon becoming variable 1 to 3, then east or northeast 3 or 4 in the evening, increasing 4 to 6 by dawn.  
Mainly slight, becoming moderate to rather rough in the north by dawn.  
Isolated showers.  
Good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5 by dawn Friday, then backing north by midday and decreasing.  
Moderate to rather rough in the north and west, otherwise slight or moderate.  
Risk of a shower at first.  
Good.

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