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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 03 March to 0600 UTC Sunday 04 March 2012

General Situation

High pressure will remain slow moving over Scandinavia whilst pressure remains low over the north Atlantic. A cold front moving northeastwards during today will sweep away the sea fog and introduce cooler and fresher Atlantic air.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first around Orkney.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain with fog patches then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north 5 to 7, becoming variable 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6, veering southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain with fog patches, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering north or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Mainly slight.

Occasional rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain with fog patches, then showers.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest becoming variable 3 or 4, then north 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle with fog patches, becoming mainly fair.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then northerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later.

Fair, then rain.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering southwesterly for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle with fog patches, becoming mainly fair.

Poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then northerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Mainly moderate.

Fair then rain, turning to snow later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight becoming moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle with fog patches, then showers.

Poor or very poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest becoming cyclonic 5 or 6, then north 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time.

Mainly moderate.

Rain turning to sleet or snow, fair later.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally very poor for a time.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming north or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming north or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later, then veering north.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later, then veering northwest.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering south or southwest 5 or 6, becoming west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Mainly moderate becoming slight.

Rain at first, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northwest 5 to 7.

Slight becoming mainly moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain then showers, becoming wintry.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly veering westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Mainly moderate.

Rain for a time, then showers, becoming wintry later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain for a time then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in south and far north.

Rain for a time then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south and far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain for a time then wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Saturday 03 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 03 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A frontal system will move northeast over Shetland and the surrounding waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeasterly severe gale force 9.

Southeast 6 or 7 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough becoming very rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar until 0600 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar:

Southeast 7 to severe gale 9 veering southwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 to 5, locally 6 in the north at first, veering southwest mid-morning, further veering southwest to west 3 to 4 during the afternoon, backing southerly by midnight.

Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the north at first.

Outbreaks of rain, clearing by mid morning, with a risk of a shower in the afternoon further rain after midnight, perhaps heavy at times.

Good, locally moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 veering northwest to north 5 to 7 by midday, perhaps locally gale 8 in the afternoon.

Moderate with a swell, becoming rather rough to rough.

Rain, locally heavy, clearing by evening isolated rain or hail showers overnight.

Moderate to poor in rain becoming mainly good.

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