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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 UTC to 0600 UTC

General Situation

A strong and cold northerly airflow will become established over most United Kingdom coastal waters, as a frontal trough moves south into Scotland, then northern England during Monday.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, veering northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later. Slight or moderate, increasing rough or very rough in north.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, increasing high for a time around Orkney, but moderate in Moray Firth.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight becoming moderate.

Mainly fair, then snow showers in east.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering north or northeast 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough later.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate becoming rough.

Mainly fair, then snow showers later.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, in south, but veering northeasterly 5 to 7 later in north.

Rough.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.

Mainly fair, then snow showers later.

Good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in north.

Snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwesterly backing westerly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 in north.
Slight becoming moderate later in north.
Snow showers mainly in north.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 at first in north.
Slight but moderate in north.
Snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
Northerly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in east.
Slight.
Snow showers, mainly in east, otherwise mainly fair.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly backing westerly for a time, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in east.
Slight.
Mainly fair, then rain or sleet showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
North backing northwest 3 or 4.
Slight.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest veering north 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair, then rain or sleet showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, backing northwest later.
Slight, but moderate at first in west.
Mainly fair.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 or 6, veering northeast later.
Slight, becoming moderate later in west.
Mainly fair, then rain or sleet showers.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
Easterly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north and south.
Mainly slight.
Mainly fair, then rain or sleet showers later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly or northeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5, occasionally 6 in west.
Slight becoming moderate in west.
Rain and sleet showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North backing northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in St Georges Channel.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough later in St Georges Channel.
Fair, then sleet and snow showers later.
Good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North veering northeast 5 to 7.
Slight, but moderate or rough for a time in St Georges Channel.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate later in north.
Mainly fair, then sleet and snow showers.
Good, then occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.
Smooth or slight, but moderate in North Channel.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, veering north later.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Fair, then wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west, becoming north or northeast 5 or 6.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight becoming moderate.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North veering northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time.
Moderate, becoming rough in north.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in North Channel.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in North Channel.

Mainly fair, then sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North veering northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough in north channel.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight becoming moderate.
Mainly fair, then sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North veering northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate.
Sleet or snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north then northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough, becoming high for a time, in north.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 3 or 4, veering north then northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Smooth becoming slight south of skye, moderate becoming rough or very rough north of skye.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.
Slight or moderate south of skye, rough or very rough north of skye.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands
24 hour forecast:
East to northeast 4 to 5 decreasing 3 to 4 this afternoon then 1 to 3 this evening, becoming north to northwest or variable overnight.
Moderate, locally rather rough in the north and west at first, becoming slight.
Scattered wintry showers, mainly in the north of the area.
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 1 to 3 backing west to southwest increasing 3 to 4 during the morning, veering northwest to north in the afternoon, occasionally 5.
Slight becoming moderate.

Isolated wintry showers becoming more frequent during the afternoon.
Good except in showers.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Monday 04 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC until Monday 04 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex area of low pressure over Scandinavia, with a strong northerly airflow over Shetland.

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

Northwest veering north, 5 or 6.

Rough becoming very rough, occasionally moderate in south and east.

Wintry showers.

Good becoming moderate or poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Monday 04 Jan until 0600 UTC on Tuesday 05 Jan:

North 5 or 6 veering northeast 6 to gale 8.

Very rough, occasionally moderate in south and east.

Wintry showers.

Good becoming moderate or poor in showers.

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