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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Sunday 03 February to 0000 UTC Monday 04 February 2013

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will move away as a new area of low pressure develops to the east of Iceland, its associated frontal system moving eastwards across all areas. An intense low passing eastwards to the north of Shetland on Monday will spread its frontal system eastwards as well, together with storms and severe gales in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South, veering west or southwest, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high north and west of Orkney.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 in north.

Moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming very high or phenomenal north and west of Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 backing west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 4 or 5 backing southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 in east for a time later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4 backing west or southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far west.

Rain, then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 to 7.
Slight or moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.
Rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 or 7 later.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain then squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7 at times.
Slight, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter, then very rough in far northwest later.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far northwest.
Squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter, then very rough in far northwest later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far northwest.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in west.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West gale 8 to storm 10.

Moderate or rough in shelter, otherwise very rough or high, becoming high or very high.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in far south and far north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly severe gale 9 or storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 in far north.

Moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high in far north and far south.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time later.

Rough becoming high.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly severe gale 9 or storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 in far north.

High, becoming very high or phenomenal.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor.

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

Valid Sunday 03 Feb 2013 at 0000 UTC until Sunday 03 Feb 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression near Iceland will drift east and fill on Sunday. A deep depression is expected to move east close to the Faeroes on Monday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly Severe gale force 9

Southwest 5 to 7 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, veering west 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough becoming very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb until 0000 UTC on Monday 04 Feb:

West 6 to gale 8 decreasing 5, backing south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, but rough east of Shetland.

Showers then rain.

Good becoming moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 2 to 4, backing west 3 or 4 by dawn, then southwest 4 or 5 during the morning, locally 6 in the north, veering west in the afternoon.

Slight to moderate, becoming moderate to rather rough by midday.

Occasional light rain and drizzle spreading from the west during Sunday morning.

Good, becoming moderate, locally poor in rain or drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, veering northwest Monday morning, increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate to rather rough, becoming rather rough to rough.

Occasional light rain and drizzle clearing mid-morning squally rain or hail showers in the afternoon.

Moderate to poor, becoming good Monday morning except in showers.

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