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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 UTC

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure builds from the west over southern areas while frontal troughs affect northern areas tonight and tomorrow. A developing vigorous low moves southeastwards from Iceland to be near northeastern Scotland late Saturday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering southeast 4 or 5 decreasing 3, increasing 5 to 7 later, then veering south or southwest.

Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 5 to 7 veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4, then backing southwest and increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest backing south or southwest 4 or 5 decreasing 3, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest, backing southwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Rain dying out.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly, backing southwesterly later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time,
occasionally 6 in north later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate increasing moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, backing west later, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Smooth or slight increasing moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, backing west later, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight increasing moderate or rough.
Rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly
24 hour forecast:
Northerly, backing westerly later, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight increasing moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northerly, backing westerly later, 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Smooth or slight increasing moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, increasing moderate later.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate increasing rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 6 to gale 8.

Moderate increasing rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8, then veering northwest later.

Moderate increasing rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight, but moderate in north.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, increasing very rough in north later.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest backing west or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough increasing rough or very rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest backing west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.
Fair then rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 in north later.
Moderate or rough increasing very rough or high.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5 becoming variable then south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.
Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in The Minch.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.
Moderate or rough increasing very rough or high.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 01 Oct 2009 at 1800 UTC until Friday 02 Oct 2009 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

The northwesterly airflow will weaken across Shetland during the next 24 hours and swing Southerly ahead of an Atlantic low.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

Northwest 5 or 6 easing mostly 4.
Rough, but moderate east of the isles and later also south of the isles.
Showers, some heavy with clear spells.
Mostly good, briefly moderate in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Friday 02 Oct until 1800 UTC on Friday 02 Oct:
Northwest 4 easing 2 or 3 and backing south 2 or 3, then southeast 4 or 5 later, and increasing 6 southwest of the isles.
Mostly moderate, but rough at first north of the isles.
Showers and sunny spells, rain later.

Mostly good, later moderate.

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