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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

General Situation

Fronts will becoming slow moving over southern areas of the United Kingdom by Tuesday night.

Low pressure over the Atlantic will push these fronts back northeastwards on Wednesday and Thursday.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in east, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 5 or 6, veering southerly later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Wintry showers then rain or snow.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, but 7 for a time near Rattray Head, backing west 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West becoming variable 3 or less, then southeast 5 or 6.

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

Fair then rain or sleet.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain or sleet then fair.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 or 6.

Moderate becoming slight later.

Fair then rain or sleet.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, backing southeast 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.
Fair then rain or sleet.
Good becoming moderate or poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, 5 to 7, veering northwesterly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming southeasterly 4 or 5, veering southwesterly 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 5 or 6, veering southeasterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough becoming moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, backing southeast later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, backing southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate occasionally rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4, backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Moderate occasionally rough in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest backing southeast later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle.
Moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, backing southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
West veering north or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, veering southeast 4 or 5 later.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6, veering southwest 3 or 4 for a time.
Slight.
Occasional rain or sleet.
Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 4 or 5 later.
Smooth or slight.
Rain at times.
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6, veering west or southwest 3 or 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, veering southeast 5 or 6 later.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Rain or showers, sleet later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeasterly 5 to 7, veering southwesterly 4 or 5, then southeasterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.
Rain or showers, sleet at first.

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:

Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, veering southeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Rain then showers, snow later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 5 to 7, veering southwesterly 4 or 5, then southeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in North Channel.

Rain or showers, snow at first.

Moderate or good occasionally poor, but very poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North veering southeast later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers then fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest for a time 5 or 6, increasing 7 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then rain or snow then showers.

Moderate or good, becoming poor or very poor for a time.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southeast 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 then veering south 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then rain or snow, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing southeast 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 then veering south 4 or 5 later.

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

Fair then rain or snow, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 to 5 in the morning.

Moderate in the south, otherwise rather rough to rough.

Occasional rain and drizzle, clearing in the morning.

Good, occasionally moderate to poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south 4 to 5, decreasing 3 to 4 for a time overnight.

Moderate, becoming slight in the south for a time.

Patchy rain or drizzle overnight.

Good, locally moderate to very poor.

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

Valid Tuesday 02 Feb 2010 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 03 Feb 2010 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A northerly airflow covers Shetland, with a small area of low pressure expected to track south and pass to the east of the Islands early this evening.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly gale force 8

North 5 or 6 increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in northwest.

Occasional snow showers.

Good, but poor or very poor in snow showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Wednesday 03 Feb until 1200 UTC on Wednesday 03 Feb:

North 7 or gale 8 decreasing 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, but very rough in northwest at first.

Occasional snow showers.

Good, but poor or very poor in snow showers.

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