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

General Situation

High pressure centred near Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom. This ridge will decline later on Monday and during Tuesday as troughs continue to move southwards across the British Isles from the Norwegian Sea.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times, backing west or northwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6, veering northeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Squally wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in north, veering northeasterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough in north later.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate becoming rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast backing northwest 3 or less, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north later.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, backing westerly later.
Slight occasionally moderate in north.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in east, backing northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.
Moderate decreasing slight.
Sleet and snow showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near headlands, backing north 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North backing northwest 3 or 4.
Slight.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near headlands, occasionally 4 later.
Moderate, but occasionally slight in east and occasionally rough in far west.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far west.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:
East 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5, backing north or northeast 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first in southwest.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, backing northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth later in east.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight, occasionally moderate in far south.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming northwest 4 or 5.

Slight becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest or variable 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, becoming north later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast backing west or northwest 3 or 4, decreasing 2 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4 veering north 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight increasing slight or moderate.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Good occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast backing west or northwest 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.

Slight, occasionally smooth later.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, veering north later.

Slight, becoming moderate in north.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, decreasing 2 at times.
Slight, becoming smooth later.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, veering north later.
Smooth increasing slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less becoming northwest 4 or 5, then veering north 5 or 6.
Smooth increasing moderate, occasionally rough in west later.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north later.
Moderate, but slight in south.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north later.
Moderate, becoming rough or very rough.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good occasionally poor.

The Minch
24 hour forecast:
Northerly or northeasterly, backing northwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate north of skye.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in north later.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough north of skye.
Wintry showers, squally at times.
Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Easterly 4 or 5, locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 3 or 4 late morning.
Moderate, rather rough in the north and west.
Fair, scattered wintry showers in the north.
Very good, locally moderate in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East to northeast 3 or 4, backing northeast to north overnight and decreasing 2

or 3.

Moderate in the north and west at first, otherwise slight.

Fair, isolated wintry showers at first.

Good, locally moderate in showers.

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

Valid Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 1200 UTC until Monday 04 Jan 2010 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A cold, showery mainly northerly airstream affects Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North 5 or 6 backing northwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good falling moderate or poor in showers.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Monday 04 Jan until 1200 UTC on Monday 04 Jan:

Northwest 5 to 7 veering north 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in north later.

Wintry showers.

Good falling moderate or poor in showers.

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