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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Monday 02 January to 1800 UTC Tuesday 03 January 2012

#### General Situation

A strong westerly or southwesterly airflow across the United Kingdom will bring gales in places overnight. A deepening area of low pressure crossing northern Scotland tomorrow will bring storms or violent storms to many areas for a time, followed by a brisk showery northwesterly airflow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in east, very rough or high in north. Squally wintry showers, then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, backing west or southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in northwest later.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Wintry showers, then rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, decreasing 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Mainly fair at first and later, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West gale 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers at first, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Fair at first and later, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers at first, fair later.  
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.  
Moderate, becoming rough.  
Fair at first and later, rain or showers for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers at first in north, otherwise fair.  
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwesterly veering westerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.  
Moderate, becoming very rough.  
Showers at first, rain or drizzle for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair.  
Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.  
Moderate, becoming very rough.  
Showers at first, rain or drizzle for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands at first.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.  
Moderate or rough in east at first, otherwise very rough or high.  
Showers at first, rain or drizzle for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands.  
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in west.  
Fair.  
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.  
Rough or very rough, increasing for a time.  
Showers at first, then rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in southwest.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers at first and later, rain or drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Squally showers at first, fair later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west, 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 later in north.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, backing southwest later, gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 at times.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering westerly or northwesterly, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Squally showers, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time.

High or very high in west, rough or very rough in east.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 at times.

Very rough or high, occasionally rough or very rough in sheltered east.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times in south.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in west.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing southwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Monday 02 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC until Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex low near Iceland will drift east and fill but a rapidly deepening low

will track northeast across Scotland on Tuesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale 8 backing easterly and increasing severe gale 9 then backing north and increasing storm 10 later.

Southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 5 then backing south 5 or 6.  
Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west at first.  
Blustery, wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan until 1800 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan:

South 5 or 6 backing east or northeast 6 to gale 8, but severe gale 9 in south, then backing north or northwest gale 8 to storm 10.

Very rough or high.

Showers soon turning to heavy rain, but showers in west again later.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first and in west later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to southwest 5 to 6, soon backing southwest to south 6 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 after midnight, locally storm 10 with gusts to 65kts mid-channel in the morning, veering west early afternoon and decreasing 6 to gale 8. Rough to very rough, locally high on Tuesday.

Scattered rain or hail showers with a risk of thunder, soon dying out some rain overnight, locally heavy at times, clearing during the afternoon.

Good but moderate to poor in rain or showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 6 to 7, locally gale 8 at first, decreasing 5 to 6 for a time early Wednesday.

Rough, locally very rough at first.

Isolated showers developing.

Good, except in showers.

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