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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 03 February to 1200 UTC Saturday 04 February  
2012

#### General Situation

An area of high pressure across the United Kingdom will decline as Atlantic fronts make slow and erratic progress in from the west.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or southwest 5 to 7.

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

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 backing southerly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 in north later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, occasional rain later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or sleet, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable or west or northwest 3 or 4 backing south 5 to 7.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7 veering west 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain or snow for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly north or northwest 3 or 4, backing south 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7 veering northwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional sleet or snow.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly veering easterly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 in south for a time at first.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then snow.

Good, becoming poor or very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly northerly, veering easterly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east until later.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 or 4 veering south 5 to 7, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain or sleet, snow in east for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor in east for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing north or northwest, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near headlands at first, becoming variable later.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 5 to 7, veering northerly and decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain or sleet for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly, becoming variable, then southerly or southwesterly later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate, then rough in far west later.

Fair, occasional rain in west later.

Good, occasionally moderate in west later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable mainly easterly or southeasterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough in west.

Fair, then occasional rain in west.

Good, occasionally moderate in west later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly veering northwesterly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west for a time, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 or 7 veering west or northwest 4.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate except in far north.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.  
Slight, becoming moderate or rough.  
Fair, then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest veering west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate except in far northwest.  
Rain then fair.  
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest, veering west or northwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.  
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough.  
Rain then showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South, veering southwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far north.  
Rain, then showers.  
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South, veering southwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west later.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or southwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 5 or 6 later.  
Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high.  
Rain, then showers.  
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Friday 03 Feb 2012 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
A ridge will gradually decline ahead of fronts which will bring rain or sleet during Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale expected

later, issued 0415 on Friday.

West or southwest 3 or 4 backing south 5 or 6.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally slight in east at first.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb:

South 5 or 6 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate in east at first.  
Fair at first. Rain or sleet later.  
Good becoming moderate, perhaps poor.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4, decreasing 2 or 3 during the afternoon, backing northerly overnight and increasing 3 to 4 by morning.  
Moderate becoming slight.  
Isolated light wintry showers.  
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 2 to 4, increasing 5 to 6 in the evening, veering north to northwest 5 to 6 locally 7 by dawn.  
Slight becoming moderate later, locally rather rough in the north.  
Outbreaks of rain, locally sleet or snow especially jersey eastwards in the evening, perhaps heavy at times.  
Good becoming moderate to very poor later.

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