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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 05 January to 0000 UTC Thursday 06 January
2011

General Situation

A complex low pressure system will move slow east over northern parts of the United Kingdom during Wednesday and Thursday, introducing a strong, cold northerly flow by Thursday. Meanwhile, a complex frontal trough will become slow moving close to southern areas bringing unsettled conditions and strong winds at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic 3 or 4, occasionally 5, becoming mainly northerly 6 to gale 8 later. Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time later in north.

Rough in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times later in north.

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

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, decreasing 4 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly veering northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Mainly moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Mainly southwesterly veering northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, but northerly 6 for a time in far south.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east, decreasing 4 at times later.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, becoming variable then mainly northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, perhaps increasing 7 at times later, decreasing 3 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, becoming variable or cyclonic 3 or 4 later.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable or cyclonic becoming mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest, becoming variable or cyclonic later, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Variable or cyclonic becoming mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable or cyclonic becoming mainly northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering north or northwest later, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in west, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first in west, becoming slight in east.

Occasional rain or showers, squally for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in west.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in west.

Occasional rain in south.

Good, occasionally moderate in south.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in north, decreasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Mainly moderate.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly at times, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Mainly moderate, occasionally rough.

Squally showers.

Mainly good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west later, 6 or 7, decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly becoming cyclonic then northwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight at first in southeast, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain or squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or perhaps gale 8 at times in north, decreasing 4 at times in southwest.

Moderate in southeast, otherwise rough or very rough.

Squally, wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly becoming cyclonic then northerly 5 or 6, occasionally 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwesterly backing easterly then northerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.

Rough or very rough.

Squally snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5 at first in far south, otherwise variable becoming northerly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high later in north.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly, backing westerly at times, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Rough in south, but very rough or high in north.

Squally snow showers.

Good, occasionally very poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5 at first in far south, otherwise variable becoming northerly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at times later.

Mainly rough or very rough, becoming high later in north and west.

Rain or squally showers, wintry later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly, backing westerly at times, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Very rough or high, but rough at times in south.
Squally snow showers.
Good, occasionally very poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 05 Jan 2011 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 05 Jan 2011 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression west of the Outer Hebrides will move slowly southeast. Another depression will develop near Orkney on Wednesday morning and drift slowly northeast.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

East or southeast 4 or 5.
Moderate, becoming rough in the north and west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 05 Jan until 0000 UTC on Thursday 06 Jan:
Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming north 6 or 7 in the far west.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in the far west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 5 to 6 decreasing 3 to 4 this afternoon becoming cyclonic variable in the evening.
Slight to moderate becoming moderate to rather rough for a time.
Occasional rain risk of fog patches later.
Good becoming moderate to poor at times.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic variable 2 to 4 becoming mainly southerly later.
Slight to moderate.
Rain, perhaps heavy at times risk of fog patches.
Moderate to poor.

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