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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Tuesday 03 January to 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 January
2012

General Situation

A deepening area of low pressure crossing northern Scotland during Tuesday will bring storms or violent storms to many sea areas for a time, followed by a showery northwesterly airflow.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, then northwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 7 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in east, very rough or high in north. Rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in north.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time, then veering northwest 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time in north, then veering northwesterly 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly, 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time later in north.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time later, then veering westerly later.

Moderate, becoming rough.

Rain for a time, squally showers later in north.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers at first in north, rain later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, then veering westerly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10, then veering westerly 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time near headlands.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, then veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Rain then mainly fair, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in west.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, then veering west or northwest 7 or gale 8.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time.

Rain or drizzle, then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high for a time in south.

Rain then mainly fair, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, then veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough.

Showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

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

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later in

north.

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

Squally showers, then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

South, veering west, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 for a time, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, 7 to severe gale 9, veering west severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, then veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first near Tiree.

Squally showers, rain at first.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in south, then becoming northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

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

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

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

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, becoming cyclonic 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in south, then becoming northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

Very rough or high.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC until Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A deep low will track east or northeast over Scotland and towards the Skagerrak.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale force 8 backing Northerly and increasing storm force 10 later, issued 02/1538.

Southwest 5 to 7 backing south 4 or 5 then east 6 to gale 8.
Very rough or high.
Wintry showers then rain.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan until 0000 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan:

East 6 to gale 8 backing north 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time, then northwest 6 to gale 8.
Very rough or high.
Rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest to south 6 to 7, soon increasing 7 to severe gale 9, locally storm 10 with gusts to 65 knots mid-channel in the morning, veering west to northwest early afternoon and decreasing 6 to gale 8.
Rough to very rough, locally high for a time.
Rain, persistent and heavy at times, clearing during the afternoon risk of showers later.
Moderate to poor in rain and in any showers, otherwise good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 at first, decreasing 5 to 6 for a time late morning and backing west to southwest, increasing 7 to gale 8 later.
Rough, locally very rough at times.
Isolated showers at first some rain likely in the evening.
Good, except in showers or rain later.

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