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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 02 February to 0000 UTC Sunday 03 February
2013

General Situation

A cold northerly airflow at first will give way as a ridge of high pressure builds in from the west during Saturday. This will be followed by the next Atlantic frontal systems moving eastwards across the United Kingdom through the rest of the weekend and Monday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly backing southerly, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in east at first, and increasing 7 or gale 8 in far northwest later.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, rain in far northwest later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, veering west for a time, 6 to gale 8.

Slight near shore in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high north and west of Orkney.

Rain, squally showers for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, but mainly 4 or 5 in firths of Forth and Tay, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering west for a time, 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough.

Rain, showers for a time.

Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 increasing 5 to 7 then veering northwest, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times.

Good, becoming moderate or poor at times.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 backing southwest 5 to 7, then veering northwest, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 5 to 7 then veering west 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 to gale 8, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair, then rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, backing west 3 or 4 later.

Slight near shore east of the Lizard, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough except in shelter.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, but mainly 4 or 5 in far east, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in west.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 to 7.
Slight in far east otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time at first and again later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North 5 or 6 backing northwest 3 or 4, then southwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time later.
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 or 6 increasing 6 or 7 then veering west.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 4 or 5 backing south 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest for a time at first, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 for a time later, before increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in west later.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north at first, backing southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 for a time later.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north at first, backing southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough.

Showers at first, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 for a time later.

Rough, becoming very rough or high.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 02 Feb 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A northerly airflow eases on Saturday as a transient ridge moves in from the

west. A deep depression east of Iceland pushes fronts across the area on Sunday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

North 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 02 Feb until 0000 UTC on Sunday 03 Feb:

North 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4, then southwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers at first.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 6 or 7, decreasing 5 or 6 by midday and 4 or 5 by evening.

Rather rough to rough, becoming moderate to rather rough in the evening.

Scattered rain or hail showers, dying out in the morning.

Good, locally moderate to poor in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4, backing west by morning, locally southwest for a time, increasing mainly 5 in the afternoon.

Moderate with a swell, becoming rather rough Sunday afternoon.

Outbreaks of rain and drizzle spreading from the west after dawn.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

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