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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Sunday 04 March to 0600 UTC Monday 05 March 2012

General Situation

An area of low pressure will move across southern England, becoming slow-moving off the coast of Suffolk later today. Strong to gale-force winds are expected in association with the low and troughs of low pressure will also bring unsettled windy conditions to most northern areas.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later in north and west, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north, becoming slight in Moray Firth.

Occasional rain in east until later, wintry showers in north and west.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.

Moderate or rough, but mainly slight in Moray Firth.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming north or northwest 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate, becoming slight.

Rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 to 7.

Slight becoming moderate.

Rain until later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering northerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then northwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain, occasional sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet in south, otherwise fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in south.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 3, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, then northwesterly 6 to gale 8.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain, sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, veering northwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 later east of Beachy Head.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in east.

Rain, sleet later.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first east of Beachy Head.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or sleet in east, fair in west.

Moderate or poor in east, otherwise good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate.

Rain at first, becoming fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Showers until later.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

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

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Mainly slight or moderate, but rough in far west.

Showers until later.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight later in Bristol Channel.

Showers until later.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming north 3 or 4.

Moderate becoming slight.

Showers until later.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.

Showers at first.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times, perhaps occasionally 7.

Moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5 later.

Rough in north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Showers at first.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Slight becoming moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth for a time.
Showers at first.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, but moderate in sheltered east.
Showers at first.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then south 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far south and far north.
Showers.
Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Rough or very rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south 5 or 6 later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers.
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC until Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A front will move northeast away from Shetland and the surrounding waters, before a trough extends north towards the Isles.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8.

Southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.
Rain or wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar until 0600 UTC on Monday 05 Mar:

Southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 or 6, veering northwest by late morning and increasing 6 or 7, perhaps locally gale 8 for a time, decreasing 5 or 6 after midnight.
Rather rough to rough, becoming mainly rough.
Rain, locally heavy, mostly clearing by midday isolated showers of rain or hail developing overnight.
Moderate to poor in rain, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 by Tuesday morning and backing north.
Rough, gradually decreasing moderate by Tuesday morning with a swell.
Risk of a shower at first.
Mainly good.

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