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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Wednesday 02 March to 1200 UTC Thursday 03 March 2011

General Situation

A large area of high pressure is centred across the United Kingdom, with light winds across most areas, but stronger winds are likely at times in the extreme northwest and through the English Channel.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, veering westerly 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough north in northwest.

Occasional rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough west of Orkney.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north, veering northwesterly 3 or 4, then becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, but smooth in Firth of Forth.

Occasional rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, then southwest 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, veering westerly, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in north, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

East or southeast, backing northeast later, 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, but 5 to 7 in south.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in far south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, but 5 to 7 in south at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 on exposed headlands.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near exposed headlands in east.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far west at first.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East or northeast 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
South or southeast, backing northeast 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing northwest 3 or less.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Slight or moderate, but smooth from larne southwards.
Occasional rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or less.
Slight or moderate, but mainly smooth south of larne.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.
Smooth or slight, but moderate towards Mull of Kintyre at first.
Occasional rain later in north.
Moderate or good, occasional poor in north later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southerly 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 4 or 5, backing easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast, veering southwest later, 3 or 4.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first west of the Outer Hebrides, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far south and far north.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate in far south and far north.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first west of the Outer Hebrides, decreasing 4 or 5, then veering northwest 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor until later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Wednesday 02 Mar 2011 at 1200 UTC until Thursday 03 Mar 2011 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Strong southwest winds will veer westerly and ease as a ridge of high pressure builds northwards over the area.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 soon.

Southwesterly 6 or 7 veering westerly 4 or 5, but decreasing 3 in south later.
Rough or very rough but occasionally high in west and decreasing moderate in

sheltered waters in east.
Rain at first then fair.
Good, but occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar until 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Mar:

Westerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.
Rough or very rough, but mainly moderate in sheltered waters to east of Shetland.
Fair.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 6.
Moderate to rather rough.
Fair or fine.
Moderate to good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 to 6 decreasing 4 to 5.
Moderate to rather rough becoming slight to moderate later.
Fair or fine.
Moderate to good.

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