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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Tuesday 03 January to 1200 UTC Wednesday 04 January
2012

General Situation

A deep low to the northeast of Scotland at first will move away quickly east. Storms or violent storms in some northeastern and southeastern areas at first will ease by mid afternoon as a showery west to northwesterly flow develops across the country.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first near Rattray Head, backing west or southwest 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough, occasionally high later in northwest.
Rain or squally wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering north or northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough, occasionally high in northwest.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, backing southwest later, gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11 at first, decreasing 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.
Rain or squally showers at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering north or northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or squally showers at first, becoming fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 at times later.
Moderate or rough.
Squally showers for a time, otherwise fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, then squally showers.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in south.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or squally showers, fair later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 at times.
Moderate, occasionally rough.
Occasional rain, squally showers later in north.
Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly severe gale 9 to violent storm 11, veering westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers at first, becoming fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, veering west 5 to 7.
Very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers, becoming fair.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 at times.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in west, becoming moderate later in shelter.
Showers for a time, otherwise fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, becoming high later in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first.
Showers for a time, otherwise fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in far north, decreasing 5 or 6 at times later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.
Squally showers, rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in north.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10, decreasing 6 at times later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.
Squally showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain, squally showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West gale 8 or severe gale 9, decreasing 6 or 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Squally showers, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 6 or 7, increasing gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, veering northwest for a time, gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough in north.
Squally showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in north.
Rain then squally 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:

Westerly, veering northwesterly for a time, gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in North Channel.
Squally showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, but severe gale 9 or storm 10 at first in south.

Very rough or high, but rough at times in east.

Squally showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Very rough or high, occasionally very high later in west.

Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south.

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

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in south.

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

Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly backing southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south.

Very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers, occasional rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time in south.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high later in far south.

Rain then squally showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC until Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A very deep low over Scotland will track northeast over the North Sea to reach the Skaggeirak by Wednesday.

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

East or northeast 5 to 7, backing north or northwest 6 to gale 8 imminent, occasionally severe gale 9 in the south and east.
Very rough, occasionally moderate or rough close in to lee of east Shetland.
Rain, soon squally showers.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan until 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan:
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, later backing westerly 6 or 7, occasionally 5 in the northwest.
Very rough, occasionally moderate or rough off east Shetland.
Wintry showers, squally at first.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9, locally storm 10 with gusts to 65kt mid-channel, veering west to northwest this afternoon and decreasing 6 or 7 with gusts to 45kt, backing west to southwest on Wednesday.
Rough to very rough, locally high at first.
Rain locally heavy, soon clearing to fair periods and isolated showers.
Moderate to poor in rain, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 6 or 7, increasing 7 to gale 8 with gusts to 50kt overnight, veering northwest 5 or 6 Thursday morning.
Rough to very rough, moderating later Thursday.
Patchy rain, clearing Thursday morning.
Good except in rain.

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