

Issued by the Met Office at 0001 UTC on Friday 02 March 2012

Ser. No. 31

Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Friday 02 March to 0000 UTC Saturday 03 March 2012

General Situation

High pressure across the United Kingdom will move northeastwards towards Scandinavia as areas of low pressure in the Atlantic slowly edge eastwards.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Occasional rain, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, veering southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later near Rattray Head.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering southwest 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest later, 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate at times in north.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches becoming fog banks for a time.

Poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, veering southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.

Fog patches, occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south or southeast 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog banks, occasional drizzle later.

Poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers, fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southeast 3 or 4, veering south 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.

Occasional rain then showers, fog patches at first.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming southeast 3 or 4, veering south 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Occasional rain then squally showers, fog patches at first.

Moderate, occasionally very poor at first, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming south or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in southwest.

Occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southwest backing southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fog patches, mainly fair later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, squally showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest backing south or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches until later in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west or southwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain at times then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southeasterly 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering westerly or southwesterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4

later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain or drizzle at times, showers later.
Moderate occasionally poor, becoming mainly good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic, becoming south or southeast, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle, mainly fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle, squally wintry showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East veering southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6, occasionally 7 later in southwest.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain until later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far south and far north.
Occasional rain, wintry showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
East veering southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6, occasionally 7 later in southwest.
Rough, becoming mainly moderate.
Occasional rain until later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.
Moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain, wintry showers later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 0000 UTC until Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure over Shetland will move away to the east on Friday and Saturday. A strong southeasterly airflow will develop over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Variable 3 becoming southeast 5 or 6.
Moderate or rough, but slight just east of Shetland.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Friday 02 Mar until 0000 UTC on Saturday 03 Mar:

Southeast 5 or 6.
Moderate in the east, rough in the west.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northeast or variable 1 to 3, becoming east overnight then southeast during the afternoon, increasing 4 locally 5 in the west by Friday evening, further veering south by midnight.

Smooth or slight.

Extensive fog starting to thin and lift later this morning and clearing by Friday evening.

Very poor, becoming good by Friday evening.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4, increasing 5 north of jersey, veering southwest during Saturday morning, locally 6 in the north for a time.

Smooth or slight with a swell, becoming moderate, locally rather rough.

Occasional rain Saturday morning.

Good, locally moderate in the morning.

(c) Crown Copyright 2012