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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1200 UTC to 1200 UTC

General Situation

Areas of low pressure over the North Sea will move south and west during Saturday. High pressure over Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom during Sunday.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 for a time, then mainly northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north later.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing westerly or northwesterly later, increasing 5

in north.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly or northeasterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing northerly 3 or 4 later.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough decreasing moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly backing northwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, veering northeasterly later, increasing 6 at times in south.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, backing northerly 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 in east.

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time in east.

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering northeast 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times around headlands.

Slight increasing moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly becoming variable then southeasterly, 3 or less, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in west.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly becoming variable then southeasterly, 3 or less, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight.  
Wintry showers.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in southwest.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwesterly veering easterly or northeasterly, 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time in north.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in west later.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in south.  
Slight or moderate.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest veering northeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.  
Smooth or slight.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less.  
Smooth or slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northwest veering northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.  
Slight becoming moderate in east.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4, backing north later.  
Moderate in east, otherwise slight.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northeast 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northwest.  
Wintry showers later.  
Good.

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

North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northerly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north and west at first.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 becoming mainly north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 later.

Mainly smooth south of skye, but moderate or rough to north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 becoming mainly north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

Mainly smooth south of skye, but moderate to north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 2 to 3, becoming variable 1 to 3 by evening, then southeast to east 3 to 4 by morning, locally 5 in the west.

Smooth or slight, locally moderate tomorrow.

Fair periods and isolated wintry showers.

Good or very good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 3 to 4, occasionally 5, backing northeast on Monday.

Slight to moderate, becoming mainly moderate on Monday.

Mainly cloudy with the risk of wintry showers.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A weak ridge will continue to cover Shetland relaxing into Sunday as a trough drifts southwards.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in northwest, backing north 4 or 5.  
Moderate to rough becoming slight to moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan until 1200 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan:  
North 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Slight to moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

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