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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Sunday 03 February to 1800 UTC Monday 04 February 2013

General Situation

An intense area of low pressure to the southwest of Iceland will move east and then turn southeast to be near the Shetland Isles by Tuesday. The associated frontal system moving southeast to clear all parts early on Monday, followed by a very strong and cold westerly flow with wintry showers. Gales or severe gales affecting most areas with storms for a time in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10.

Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in north.

Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high north and west of Orkney.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good in Moray Firth.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough near Rattray Head later.

Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest later 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough near Rattray Head.

Showers, wintry and squally at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry and squally at times.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, mainly fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.
Showers, wintry and squally at times.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, occasionally wintry.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Fair, then showers, occasionally wintry.

Mainly good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.

Moderate.

Occasional rain, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later in west.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then showers, occasionally wintry.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough in far west.

Occasional rain, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far west.

Showers, becoming squally and wintry.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough in far southwest later.

Occasional rain becoming fair for a time, then showers later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in southwest.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, then showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough, occasionally very rough in south.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain, then showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Mainly rough.
Showers, squally and wintry at times.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6, then veering west 7 or gale 8 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 or gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first.
Mainly rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough, becoming high or very high in far north.
Occasional rain then showers, becoming wintry later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough, but high or very high in far northwest.
Squally showers, wintry at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, then very rough or high in far northwest later.
Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far northwest.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time later.

Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high, occasionally phenomenal in far northwest later.

Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at first.

High or very high, occasionally phenomenal in far northwest at first.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough, occasionally high or very high in far south and far north.

Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly gale 8 to storm 10.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough, but high or very high for a time in far north and far south.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10.

Rough or very rough becoming, high or very high, occasionally phenomenal to west of Outer Hebrides later.

Occasional rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly veering northwesterly gale 8 to storm 10.

High or very high, occasionally phenomenal to west of Outer Hebrides at first, becoming very rough or high.

Squally showers, wintry at times.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

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

Valid Sunday 03 Feb 2013 at 1800 UTC until Monday 04 Feb 2013 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong westerly flow backs southerly for a while. Frontal trough moves east overnight to veer the flow strong westerly again during Monday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly severe gale force 9.

Westerly 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a while. backing south 6 to gale 8, then veering west gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, increasing high in the west.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Monday 04 Feb until 1800 UTC on Monday 04 Feb:

Westerly gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Very rough or high, increasing very high in the west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in wintry showers.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest to west 5 to 6, veering west to northwest this evening.

Rather rough, locally rough.

Occasional light rain and drizzle, mainly clearing by dawn.

Moderate to good, occasionally poor in drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest to west 5 to 6, increasing 7 to gale 8 overnight, perhaps locally severe gale 9.

Rather rough to rough, increasing rough to very rough overnight.

Squally wintry showers risk of thunder.

Good, locally moderate to poor in showers.

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