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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 01 February to 1800 UTC Thursday 02 February
2012

General Situation

A strong ridge of high pressure will continue to extend southwestwards across the United Kingdom, with a very cold easterly airflow covering southern areas. Atlantic fronts will approach northwestern areas on Friday morning.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, veering southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 near Cape Wrath.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in northwest.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest, 3 or 4.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Snow showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time near firths of Tay and Forth.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering west, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Snow showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in south, becoming variable 3 or less.

Moderate, occasionally slight later.

Fair then snow showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Snow showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 in north.

Rough, becoming moderate.

Fair then snow showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northwesterly, 5 to 7, but variable 3 or 4 at first in north.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Snow showers, snow for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first.

Rough, becoming moderate.

Fair then snow showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Snow showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first around headlands.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near headlands.

Fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then backing north or northwest later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Fair then snow showers in east.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first around eastern headlands, decreasing 3 or 4 later in west.

Moderate or rough.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly, becoming variable, 3 or 4, but 5 or 6 at first in east.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first, becoming smooth later near Lyme Regis.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East, becoming variable, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate in east.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

East, veering southeast, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, but moderate for a time near St Davids Head.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast 3 or 4, veering south 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in north.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 3 or 4, veering southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in north.

Rain or sleet later in north.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 4 or 5, veering south 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain or sleet later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel

24 hour forecast:

Southeast, veering south or southwest, 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.
Rain or sleet later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point
24 hour forecast:
Southerly 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough near Tiree.
Fair.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.
Moderate or rough, but slight for a time in east.
Rain or sleet later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in far south.
Occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.
Moderate or rough.
Fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.
Occasional rain later.
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 01 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 02 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure continues to extend from Scandinavia over the North Sea to the British Isles. A frontal trough moves south and east over Shetland waters overnight into Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil.

South or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4.
Moderate, becoming rough in the west.

Occasional rain.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb until 1800 UTC on Thursday 02 Feb:
Southwest, veering west, 4.
Mainly moderate, but rough in the west.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 6, locally 7 in the north and west of the area.
Moderate to rather rough in the south, rough in the north.
Fair or fine, becoming rather cloudy at times in the north and west.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 to 6 decreasing 4 to 5 in the evening then 3 to 4 on Friday, becoming variable 1 to 3 later.
Moderate in the south to rough in the north becoming slight.
Fair.
Good.

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