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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 03 January to 0000 UTC Friday 04 January 2013

General Situation

A large area of high pressure centred over the bay of Biscay will persist throughout Thursday, bringing a westerly or southwesterly flow across the United Kingdom. Gales will affect the far north at times.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first north of Orkney, backing southerly or southwesterly and decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, slight or moderate in Moray Firth. Mainly fair until later, then rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times in Moray Firth.

Rough or very rough north and west of Orkney, slight or moderate in Moray Firth. Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair until later, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in north.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough near Isles of Scilly.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later in west.

Rough near Isles of Scilly, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate, becoming rough later near Lands End.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, but mainly 3 in Bristol Channel.

Moderate, occasionally rough near Lands End.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far north.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly backing southerly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, but very rough in far west.

Rain or drizzle at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest backing south 5 or 6, decreasing 4 in south.

Moderate or rough, but very rough in far west.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, except in far north.

Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.

Fair at first, rain or drizzle at times later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.

Moderate, but rough at times in far south and far north.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, except in far north.

Rough or very rough.

Fair at first, rain or drizzle at times later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 03 Jan 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression north of Shetland will move east into northern Norway later on Thursday as a ridge of high pressure crosses Shetland.

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

West 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first in the north, decreasing 6 later in the south.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later in the northwest, but moderate just east of Shetland.

Showers dying out.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 03 Jan until 0000 UTC on Friday 04 Jan:

West 5 to 7 backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first in the northwest, but moderate just east of Shetland.

Rain later.

Good becoming moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 4 or 5, locally 6 in the north at first, decreasing 3 or 4 by morning, backing west to southwest in the evening.

Slight in the south to moderate in the north.

A little drizzle at times.

Moderate to poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to west 3 or 4.

Mainly slight, with a swell.

Rather cloudy, risk of a little drizzle at times.

Moderate to good, perhaps poor in drizzle.

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