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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 1800 UTC to 1800 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 by Sunday.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest veering east or northeast 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, backing northwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in far north.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Rough becoming moderate, occasionally slight later in south.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 5 or 6, veering east 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming west or northwest 4 or 5.

Rough becoming moderate, occasionally slight later.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest veering northeast 4 or 5, but veering east 6 or 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Rough becoming moderate later.

Occasional wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Rough becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northerly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, rain or sleet later.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, veering easterly later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far north.

Rain or sleet then wintry showers.

Moderate or good occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Moderate becoming slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight occasionally moderate later.

Fair then wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering east or northeast 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest, veering northeast later, 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later around Isles of Scilly.

Smooth or slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in west.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate for a time.

Wintry showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate later in west.
Fair.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 4 or 5, veering north 3 or 4.
Slight occasionally moderate.
Wintry showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 3 or 4, veering east or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.
Wintry showers at first.
Good occasionally moderate at first.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest, veering east later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in south.
Wintry showers for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate for a time in south.
Wintry showers at first.
Good occasionally moderate at first.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
North or northwest 5, decreasing 3 or 4, backing west for a time, veering east 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, backing north or northeast later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North veering east, but cyclonic for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Wintry showers.
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north or northeast 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.
Wintry showers then fair.
Moderate or good.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North veering east, but cyclonic for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
Slight occasionally moderate in North Channel.
Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North becoming cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming east 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, backing north or northeast 3 or less.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first in west.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, veering northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time in west.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in west.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 5 or 6, veering northeast 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in far north.

Wintry showers, squally for a time.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first, becoming variable later.

Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 to 4 backing northwest, increasing 4, locally 5 in the north for a time in the morning,

veering northerly 1 to 3 by evening, locally variable in the south.

Slight locally moderate at first and for a time in the morning.

Scattered wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 1 to 3 becoming southeast to east on Sunday increasing 4 by evening.

Smooth or slight.

Isolated wintry showers.

Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 01 Jan 2010 at 1800 UTC until Saturday 02 Jan 2010 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Shallow lows will remain slow moving in the Shetland Basin during today and Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: North gale 8, veering East severe gale 9

North veering east 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in southeast, backing northeast 3 or 4 later, but 5 or 6 in north.

Rough to very rough becoming moderate to rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan until 1800 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan:

Northeast 5 or 6, but 3 or 4 in south at first, backing north 4 or 5.

Moderate to rough becoming moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

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