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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 03 March to 1800 UTC Sunday 04 March 2012

#### General Situation

An area of low pressure will approach southern England overnight and move slowly east on Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, veering northwest later, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South veering southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering north later, 4 or 5, but variable 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering north later, 4 or 5, but variable 3 or 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in south.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic later, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 4 or 5, becoming northerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Rain or sleet.

Moderate or poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic then northwesterly later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet, fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, becoming cyclonic then northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate.

Rain or sleet, then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

Moderate in east, rough in west.

Rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate in east, rough or very rough in west.

Showers then fair.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7. Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.  
Showers then fair.  
Mainly good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain or showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Showers then fair.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers then fair.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest veering northwest, 4 or 5.  
Slight or moderate.  
Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times later.  
Slight.  
Showers then fair.  
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.  
Showers then fair.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
West 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough.

Showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

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

Wintry showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, then mainly fair.

Mainly good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

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

Valid Saturday 03 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong south-easterly flow covers Shetland as a frontal system approaches from the west. The flow veers and later eases during Sunday.

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

Southeast gale 8 or severe gale 9. veering south or southwest 5 or 6.

Very rough.

Rain, then isolated showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar until 1800 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar:

South or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 4. veering westerly 4 later.

Very rough, becoming rough.

Wintry showers.

Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 to 4, locally 5 in the north at first, backing south to southeast 4 to 5 overnight, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 by late morning.

Slight to moderate, increasing rough later.

Rain soon after midnight, locally heavy at times.

Good becoming moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 5 to 6 overnight and 4 to 5 by midday.

Rough, gradually decreasing moderate to rather rough, with a swell.

Rain, locally heavy, clearing by evening risk of isolated rain or hail showers overnight.

Moderate to poor, becoming good.

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