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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 04 February to 1800 UTC Sunday 05 February
2012

General Situation

High pressure, over the United Kingdom will decline as Atlantic fronts continue to make slow eastwards progress.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, but very rough north and west of Orkney.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest, 5 or 6, becoming variable 4 later.

Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough north and west of Orkney.

Rain or showers then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or snow then mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain but mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Rain or snow then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 to 7 veering west or southwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Sleet or snow for a time then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly west or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 to 7 veering southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly south or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast, veering southwest later, 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.

Sleet or snow then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable mainly south or southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair then occasional rain or sleet.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or sleet then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering north or northwest 5 to 7, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time in west.

Slight or moderate, but mainly rough in far west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly in east at first, otherwise southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in west for a time, backing westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming northwesterly 5 or 6 for a time in west.

Slight in east, moderate in west, but rough in far southwest.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight later.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic becoming mainly west or northwest, 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing southwest later.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 or 6 veering northwest 4 or 5, backing west or southwest 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, fair for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4 becoming variable 3.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest.
Fair, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northwest 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.

Fair, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 5 or 6 backing southwest 4 or 5.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west at first.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable 3 or 4.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing mainly 4 or 5 later.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far north for a time.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest backing south or southeast, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing mainly 4 or 5 later.
Very rough or high.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest backing south or southeast, 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 05 Feb 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Deep low tracking north over Iceland with associated frontal trough tracking northeast over Shetland during Saturday night and early Sunday.

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

Southerly gale 8 or severe gale 9 soon veering westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in the northeast at first.

Rain, soon showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb until 1800 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

Westerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east at first and 7 later in west.

Rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 to 5, increasing 6 this evening, locally 7, veering northwest to north after midnight and increasing 7, locally gale 8, decreasing after dawn to be 5 to 6 by midday, veering northeast 3 to 4 during the afternoon.

Slight, increasing moderate to rather rough this evening, and rough overnight, decreasing slight to moderate in the afternoon.

Rain and sleet, with a risk of snow eastwards from jersey, clearing around dawn.

Moderate to good, becoming moderate to very poor for a time overnight.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 2 to 4, becoming variable 1 to 3 Sunday evening, then mainly southerly 2 to 4 on Monday.

Slight with a swell.

Occasional light rain.

Moderate to good.

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