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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 04 January to 0600 UTC Sunday 05 January 2014

General Situation

Saturday will be less windy than yesterday, but unsettled conditions will continue as a developing area of low pressure moves northeastwards across the British Isles. A trough of low pressure will follow eastwards across southern areas this evening and tonight.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 5 to 7 backing southeasterly 4, backing northerly then westerly later, increasing 5 or 6 later in east.

Moderate or rough in north, slight or moderate in south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 5 or 6, but 4 at first in west, backing southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwesterly 5 to 7 later.

Slight at first in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in east.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7, backing southeast then becoming variable 4, becoming southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast veering west or southwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.
Rain or squally showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 backing southerly 6 to gale 8, veering southwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or squally thundery showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Fair then rain.
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 to severe gale 9 veering west 5 to 7, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or squally thundery showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 6 to gale 8 at first in east, otherwise westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.
Rain or squally thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly veering westerly or southwesterly, but becoming cyclonic for a time

later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in south.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high near land's end.
Rain or squally thundery showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally 4 at first.
Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.
Rain or thundery showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time at first, 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 5 or 6 veering southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.
Rain or thundery showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering southwest 5 to 7 later.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 5 or 6 veering southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate, becoming slight or moderate.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest, backing southeast for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.
Slight or moderate becoming rough or very rough.
Rain for a time.
Good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in North Channel.
Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough becoming slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly, backing southeasterly for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in North Channel.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough in south, rough or very rough in north.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5 backing southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough in south, rough or very rough in north.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 4.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4 becoming southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in south.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7 becoming variable 4.

Moderate or rough near Sutherland, otherwise rough or very rough.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 4 becoming southeast 7 to severe gale 9, veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough near Sutherland, otherwise rough or very rough.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2014 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 04 Jan 2014 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong but slowly easing southwesterly flow over Shetland waters. Small low moves north near the east of Scotland later today and expected to lie close to Shetland by Sunday morning.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8.

Southwesterly 7 decreasing 5 or 6, backing southeasterly 4 in the south later.
Rough or very rough.
Squally showers, mainly fair later.
Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Jan until 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan:

Southwesterly 5 or 6 in the north at first, backing southeasterly 4 for a while, then easterly later cyclonic 5 to 7.
Rough or very rough.
Mainly fair, isolated showers.
Good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 6 to gale 8 with gusts to 55 knots, veering westerly 5 or 6 during the morning, locally westerly or southwesterly 4 in the north later this evening, backing southwesterly 4 or 5 overnight.
Rather rough or rough in the south to rough or very rough in the north, decreasing generally rather rough with a swell by afternoon.
Occasional squally rain or hail showers, locally with thunder, dying out by morning.
Good, except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, backing south 6 or 7, locally gale 8 at times, veering southwest by evening.
Rather rough or rough in the south, rough or very rough in the north.
Rain from mid-morning, locally heavy in the afternoon, clearing early evening, with squally rain or hail showers developing overnight with a risk of thunder.
Good, locally moderate or poor in rain, and moderate in showers later.

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