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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Wednesday 04 January to 0600 UTC Thursday 05 January
2012

General Situation

A strong to gale force west or northwest airflow covers the United Kingdom. Atlantic fronts will cross all areas as another deepening low moves rapidly eastwards, passing just north of mainland Scotland. A ridge of high pressure will follow later on Thursday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time later.

Moderate or rough in Moray Firth, otherwise very rough or high.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west or southwest later.

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

Squally showers then fair, rain at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5, then backing west or southwest later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers for a time in north.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then backing west later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then backing west later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later, veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 later.

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

Squally showers, fair later.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Showers for a time, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers then fair, rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough.

Showers for a time, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers then fair, rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high west of the Lizard peninsula.

Squally showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first west of the Lizard peninsula, becoming moderate in Lyme Bay.

Squally showers then fair, rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.
Squally showers then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first, becoming moderate in the Bristol Channel.
Squally showers then fair, rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6, increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West, veering northwest later, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first, becoming slight later near great orme head.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 4 later, then backing west later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first, becoming slight later.
Squally showers then fair.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, veering northwest later.
Rough.
Occasional rain, showers at first.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest gale 8, decreasing 6 or 7.
Rough.
Showers.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Westerly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in far north.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.

Squally showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in far north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at first in far north, veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then backing southwesterly later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north, becoming slight later in south.
Squally showers then fair.
Good, but poor for a time in far north.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later, then backing southwest later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Squally showers, fair later.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West, veering northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.
Very rough or high, occasionally very high later in far northwest.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later.
Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in far northwest.
Squally showers, fair later.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good later.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north and south.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north and south.
Squally showers, fair later.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West 7 to severe gale 9, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.
High, occasionally very high later in south.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 4, then backing

southwest 4 or 5 later, occasionally 6 later.
High, becoming very rough later, occasionally very high at first in south.
Squally showers, fair later.
Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC until Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A deep low over southern Sweden will move away northeast, as another low tracks from near Iceland and into the East Shetland Basin.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Storm force 10 backing
Northwesterly and decreasing severe gale force 9 imminent, issued 03/1438.

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, then backing south or southeast.
Rough or very rough.
Wintry showers then rain.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan until 0600 UTC on
Thursday 05 Jan:
South or southeast 4 or 5 becoming cyclonic 6 to gale 8, then north or northwest
6 or 7.
Rough or very rough.
Rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 in the north at first, backing west
and increasing 7 to gale 8 in the afternoon, perhaps locally severe gale 9 in
the north later in the night.
Rough to very rough.
Fair periods and isolated showers becoming cloudy in the afternoon with rain or
drizzle at times.
Moderate to good, becoming moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to gale 8, veering west to northwest Thursday morning, decreasing 4 or 5
by evening.
Rough or very rough, moderating Thursday night.
Rain, clearing Thursday morning risk of light showers.
Mainly good.

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