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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 03 March to 1200 UTC Sunday 04 March 2012

General Situation

A cold front moving northeastwards during the rest of today will sweep away the murky conditions in the east, then an area of low pressure will approach southern England overnight.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first around Orkney.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate becoming rough or very rough in north, slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Wintry showers, then fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 5 to 7.

Mainly slight.

Showers, then rain or sleet.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight occasionally moderate.

Occasional rain, then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming north or northwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Showers, then rain or snow.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Rain or showers, fog patches at first.

Poor, occasionally very poor at first, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Mainly moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough in east.

Rain or snow.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming northerly or northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Moderate.

Rain or sleet, then fair.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

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 later.

Moderate in east, rough or very 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.

Rain then fair.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or showers.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough.
Showers.
Good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south.
Rain or showers.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later, decreasing 3 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5.
Slight, occasionally moderate.
Showers, wintry for a time.
Mainly good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later, decreasing 3 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5.
Slight.
Wintry showers, then fair.
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South veering west, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
Showers, squally at first.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.
Slight in south, rough becoming very rough in north.
Wintry 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:

South veering west, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Mainly moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers, squally at first.

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.

Wintry showers, then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South veering west, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 4 or 5.

Moderate becoming rough, occasionally very rough in northwest.

Wintry showers, then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south and far north.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough in south.

Wintry showers, then mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast veering southwest, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming very rough or high in northwest.

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 1200 UTC until Sunday 04 Mar 2012 at 0000 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 gale force 8, increasing severe gale 9.

Southeast gale 8 or severe gale 9.
Very rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate, occasional poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar until 1200 UTC on Sunday 04 Mar:

Southeast gale 8 or severe gale 9, soon veering southwest 6 and decreasing westerly 4 later.
Very rough, later rough.
Showers, wintry later.
Moderate, soon good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 to 5, locally 6 in the north at first, veering southwest mid-morning, further veering southwest to west 3 to 4 during the afternoon, backing southerly by midnight.
Slight to moderate, locally rather rough in the north at first.
Outbreaks of rain, clearing by mid morning, with a risk of a shower in the afternoon further rain after midnight, perhaps heavy at times.
Good, locally moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 4 veering northwest to north 5 to 7 by midday, perhaps locally gale 8 in the afternoon.
Moderate with a swell, becoming rather rough to rough.
Rain, locally heavy, clearing by evening isolated rain or hail showers overnight.
Moderate to poor in rain becoming mainly good.

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