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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Friday 03 May to 1200 UTC Saturday 04 May 2013

General Situation

An area of low pressure will move northeastwards across northern areas during today, its associated cold front moving erratically southwards and weakening. Thereafter, pressure will be low near Iceland and high over Europe with a southwesterly airflow becoming established.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 4 or 5, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then variable 4, then becoming south 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough in north.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, mainly south, then veering northwest, 5 to 7, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest, veering west, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 or 4, veering southwest, then west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally moderate for a time later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West backing southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.

Slight or moderate.
Fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 5 or 6, veering westerly 3 or 4 later.
Slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable, mainly southwesterly, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming slight later.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally poor in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Drizzle at first, fog patches developing.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate.
Rain or drizzle later.
Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Drizzle at first, fog patches developing.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.
Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, backing south later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, but rough at first in far west.
Drizzle at first, fog patches developing.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, veering westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4 later.
Slight becoming moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle later.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly backing southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Drizzle at first, fog patches developing.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4, then backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around headlands.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest for a time later, 5 to 7.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain for a time.

Good, occasionally poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Fair, then occasional drizzle.

Good, becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering northwest 5 to 7, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough for a time.

Rain, fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly, veering northwesterly for a time, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

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

Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.

Good becoming moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering northwesterly for a time, 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time in North Channel.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough in North Channel.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally moderate for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.
Slight or moderate.
Fair, then occasional rain or drizzle.
Good becoming moderate, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Cyclonic, becoming northwest, then backing southwest later, 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough.
Rain then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in northwest.
Fair, then occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast, backing southwest later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later,
decreasing 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in far north and far south.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate, but rough in far north and far south.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
North or northeast, backing southwest later, 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later,
decreasing 4 for a time.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 03 May 2013 at 1200 UTC until Saturday 04 May 2013 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure will build over Shetland on Friday afternoon, then a depression will move northeast over the northern North Sea on Friday night. It will move into Norway on Saturday as a large depression develops near Iceland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North veering northeast 4 or 5.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in the east.
Rain for a time.
Good, becoming moderate for a time.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Saturday 04 May until 1200 UTC on Saturday 04 May:

Northeast 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4 then south 4 or 5, increasing 6 in the west.
Slight or moderate.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest near the brittany coast, otherwise west to southwest 3 to 4, increasing 4 to 5 guernsey northwards after midnight, perhaps 6 mid-channel.
Slight increasing moderate to rather rough in the north overnight.
Risk of patchy light rain or drizzle on Saturday, especially in the north.
Good becoming moderate on Saturday, locally poor, especially in the north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 3 in the south to 5 in the north, decreasing 2 to 4 by evening, becoming variable 1 to 3 by dawn.
Moderate in the north at first, otherwise slight with a low swell developing.
Risk of patchy light drizzle at first, especially in the north mist or fog patches for a time overnight.
Moderate to good, locally poor or very poor at times.

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