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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Thursday 03 February to 0600 UTC Friday 04 February
2011

General Situation

Intense areas of low pressure will bring very unsettled and very windy conditions to the United Kingdom during the next few days with the prospect of very stormy winds at times in the north.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time.

Moderate in west otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high in north.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 5 to 7.

Moderate in west otherwise rough or very rough, but high or very high in north.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Good becoming moderate, occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, backing southeast for a time, 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 or gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 7 or gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 in east later.

Moderate or rough.

Fair then occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5 backing southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in west.

Showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Rough or very rough in east, very rough or high in west.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate in east, in west, moderate or rough becoming very rough or high.

Showers then occasional rain.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Showers then occasional rain.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high near St Davids Head.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 5 to 7, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.
Showers then occasional rain.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 5 to 7 increasing 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate, occasionally poor.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 or 7 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, veering west 6 or 7 later.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, backing southwest 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough.
Rain at times.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.
Squally showers, rain for a time.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9.
Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in north.
Squally showers then rain.
Moderate or 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 6 to gale 8 increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far northwest.
Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far northwest.

Squally showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 6 to gale 8 increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 for a time.

High or very high.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest becoming cyclonic, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

High or very high.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 to hurricane force 12 for a time.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high in far north and south.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 5 to 7.

Rough, but very rough or high in south and far north.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West, backing south for a time, 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 to hurricane force 12 for a time.

High or very high.

Squally wintry showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 7 to severe gale 9 decreasing 5 to 7.

High or very high, becoming phenomenal for a time in west.

Squally wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

Valid Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 0600 UTC until Thursday 03 Feb 2011 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

The strong or gale force west or southwesterly airflow will strengthen further on Thursday with a very deep Atlantic low tracking northeast close to Scotland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale 8 to severe gale 9 increasing violent storm 11 later (issued 02/1543 UTC)

West or southwest 6 to gale 8 occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 for a time in the east, later backing south or southeast 7 to severe gale 9 but storm 10 in the west.

Very rough or high occasionally very high in north and west, but rough close to lee of east Shetland.

Squally showers clearing, later rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Thursday 03 Feb until 0600 UTC on Friday 04 Feb:

South or southeast veering southwest, gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11, later west severe gale 9 to violent storm 11.

Very rough or high building very high in west and north, but rough close to lee of east Shetland.

Rain at first then frequent squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor or very poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 3 to 4, backing southwest by noon, increasing 4 to 5 early afternoon then 5 in the south to 7 in mid channel this evening.

Slight to moderate, becoming moderate in the south to rough in the north later.

Misty in south at first isolated showers later.

Good, locally poor in south at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in mid channel.

Moderate in the south to rough in the north of the area.

Risk of a little drizzle at first.

Good, perhaps locally moderate.

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