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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Wednesday 04 January to 1800 UTC Thursday 05 January
2012

General Situation

Areas of low pressure over the northeastern Atlantic will move eastwards, passing to the north of Scotland during tonight. As a consequence the very strong and mainly westerly airflow currently affecting the British Isles will swing round to become northwesterly.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 at times.

Very rough or high in north, moderate or rough in east.

Rain then squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west or southwest 5 or 6, but decreasing 4 for a time.

Very rough or high at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Squally wintry showers then fair, rain later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west then northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 6 at times later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near Rattray Head.

Rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Very rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain at times later.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 veering west 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, veering northwest 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, backing southwest later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in south.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest veering west, then northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8 backing west 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in north.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly, then northwesterly later, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain at times then squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8 backing westerly 4 or 5, backing southwesterly later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in east, veering northwesterly 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwesterly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough, occasionally very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4, backing west 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in far west, becoming moderate or rough later.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing west 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in far west.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in Bristol Channel, veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 decreasing 3 or 4, backing west or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing storm 10 at times, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 3 or 4, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.

Rough at first in Liverpool Bay, otherwise moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough, occasionally moderate later.

Rain or showers, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 or 6 backing west 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain or drizzle later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough or high in north.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west 3 or 4, then backing southwest 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise mainly moderate.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, then decreasing 5 to 7, occasionally 4 later in Firth of Clyde.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough until later.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, but 6 or 7 at first in North Channel, backing westerly 3 or 4, then backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in northwest.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, becoming moderate or poor later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

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

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Very rough at first in far north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to severe gale 9 veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally 5 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first in southwest.

Rain then squally showers.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7 backing west or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Very rough or high becoming rough or very rough.

Showers, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 1800 UTC until Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression will move east across Shetland this evening. A strong northwest airflow will follow on Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Gale force 8 now backed westerly, increasing severe gale force 9 later, issued at 04/0949

South 4 or 5 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7 then northwest 6 to gale 8.
Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland.
Rain clearing.
Moderate becoming good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan until 1800 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, possibly increasing storm 10 for a time in the northeast.
Rough or very rough, becoming high in the west and north.
Showers becoming wintry.
Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to gale 8, locally severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt alderney northwards from midnight until dawn, veering northwest late morning, decreasing 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kt during the afternoon.
Very rough, locally high in the north overnight.
Rain or drizzle clearing soon after midday.
Moderate to good, becoming moderate to poor in rain or drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to 7 with gusts to 40kt decreasing 5 to 6 by midnight and 4 to 5 by dawn, backing west early afternoon.
Very rough gradually decreasing moderate to rather rough with a swell.
Occasional light rain or drizzle Friday afternoon.
Good becoming moderate to poor in the afternoon.

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