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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Wednesday 04 January to 0000 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, on Wednesday, passing just north of mainland Scotland.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough in east, very rough, occasionally high in northwest.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later in west.

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

Squally showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in north.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Squally showers, fair later.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.

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

Squally showers then fair, rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first near Gibraltar Point.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.

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

Squally showers then fair, rain at first.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers, then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally 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, but severe gale 9 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Showers for a time, rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly, 6 to gale 8, but severe gale 9 for a time, decreasing 5 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Showers then occasional rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in far west.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

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

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 or 5 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high.

Rain or showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or 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.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest later, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps increasing storm 10 for a time, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time.

Squally showers then fair.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest, 6 to gale 8.

Rough.

Showers, rain at first.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later in far north.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, but occasionally high in far north.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in far north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly, veering northwesterly, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in far north, decreasing 3 or 4 later, then backing westerly later.

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

Squally showers.

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, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.

Squally showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Very rough or high.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West gale 8 to storm 10, veering northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 later, then backing west later.

Very rough or high, becoming very high for a time near Tiree.

Squally showers, fair later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good later.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

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

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later, backing west later.

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

Squally showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

High.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West, veering northwest, 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later, backing west later.

High, becoming very high for a time in south, occasionally very rough later.

Squally showers, fair later.

Moderate, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC until Wednesday 04 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A deep low in the Skagerrak 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 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Wednesday 04 Jan until 0000 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan:

Westerly 5 or 6 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale in the south.

Rough or very rough.

Wintry showers then rain.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good at first.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West to northwest 6 or 7, locally gale 8 at first, temporarily decreasing 5 late morning, backing west to southwest in the afternoon, increasing 7 to gale 8 during the evening.

Rough to very rough.

Fair periods and isolated showers becoming cloudy by midday with showery rain later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to southwest 7 to gale 8, veering west to northwest Thursday morning, decreasing 4 or 5 by evening.

Rough or very rough, moderating during Thursday.

Rain, clearing Thursday morning risk of light showers.

Mainly good.

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