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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 02 May to 0000 UTC Friday 03 May 2013

#### General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will spread from the Atlantic across northern parts of the United Kingdom in the coming days, whilst high pressure remains dominant over southern and central parts.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4, then south or southeast 5 to 7 later.

Slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry in north, then rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, then becoming north or northeast 4 or 5 later.

Slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough to the north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Rattray Head.

Fair, then rain.

Good, occasional moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 6 or 7, decreasing 4 or 5, then becoming variable 3 or 4 later in north.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough around Rattray Head.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Rain later in north.

Good, occasionally moderate later in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southerly or southeasterly 4 or 5 later in north.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4 at first in south, otherwise southerly or southeasterly, veering westerly 4 or 5.

Slight.

Occasional rain later.  
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 north of Lowestoft, otherwise northeasterly 5 or 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time in south.

Good, becoming moderate or poor in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or poor in south, mainly good in north.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in east, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight.

Occasional rain for a time in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, becoming west or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight.

Occasional rain or drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

North becoming variable, 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in west.

Occasional rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight, becoming moderate.  
Occasional rain later.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, then veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight.

Fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, then veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southerly 4 or 5 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 4 or 5, veering southwest 5 or 6.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering west or northwest later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South veering northwest later, 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later.  
Occasional rain, showers later.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good later.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in northwest.  
Fair, then occasional rain.  
Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South becoming cyclonic, then northwest later, 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in west.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers, wintry in north, then rain.  
Good, occasionally moderate, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later in north.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north and far south.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.  
Moderate or rough.  
Showers, wintry in north, then rain.  
Good, occasionally moderate, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Cyclonic becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later in north.  
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far north.  
Occasional rain or showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good for a time.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Thursday 02 May 2013 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 02 May 2013 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation  
Low pressure in the Norwegian Sea will move away towards the North Cape. Another low will track northeast towards the UK.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northwesterly gale force 8 in operation at time of forecast issue.

West or northwest 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 02 May until 0000 UTC on Friday 03 May:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming cyclonic 5 to 7.  
Rough.  
Wintry showers then rain.  
Good, occasionally poor, becoming moderate.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

North to northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 2 to 4 by Thursday evening, backing northwest by midnight.  
Moderate becoming slight.  
Some patchy light rain, mainly southeast of Jersey.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 2 to 4, backing west by midday Friday, increasing 4 and 5 in the north of the area.  
Slight, becoming moderate in the north later.  
Fair, cloudy in the north later with some light rain or drizzle.  
Good, becoming moderate in the north of the area.

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