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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore  
for the period 1200 UTC Saturday 04 February to 1200 UTC Sunday 05 February  
2012

#### General Situation

High pressure, over the United Kingdom will decline as Atlantic fronts continue to make slow eastwards progress.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 7 to severe gale 9 veering west 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, but rough or very rough north and west of Orkney.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest, veering northwest, 5 to 7, becoming variable 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high north and west of Orkney at first.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 in north at first, veering southwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time near Rattray Head.

Rain for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Fair then showers.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8 veering west or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough.

Rain and snow for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor or very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Mainly west or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 5 to 7 veering west or southwest 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Sleet and snow for a time, fog patches later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Snow showers, sleet or snow later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow with fog patches for a time, then mainly fair.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor, becoming good later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 for a time.

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

Snow showers in east, sleet and snow later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor, occasionally very poor later in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic mainly south or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Sleet or snow then fair.

Moderate or poor, occasionally very poor in east, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, becoming cyclonic and decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain and sleet.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, but northerly in west at first, 4 or 5, becoming southerly later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Rain at times, sleet at first in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in east.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain and drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in Lyme Bay.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly in east at first, otherwise southerly or southwesterly, veering northwesterly, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 in west for a time.

Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.

Rain and drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing southerly or southwesterly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.  
Slight in east, moderate or rough in west.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain and drizzle for a time.  
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest, backing south or southwest for a time, 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southeast veering northwest, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 later.  
Moderate or rough.  
Rain and drizzle for a time.  
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or 4, becoming south or southwest 4 or 5 for a time.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South or southwest 6 or 7 veering northwest 4 or 5, backing west 4 later.  
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.  
Rain, fair later.  
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West 4 becoming variable or south 2 or 3.  
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.  
Occasional rain for a time.  
Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 6 or 7 veering northwest 5, backing southwest 4 later.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.  
Occasional rain then fair.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far northwest at first.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 5 or 6, backing west or southwest 4 later.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain and drizzle then fair.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate.  
Fair then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South 6 to gale 8 just at first, otherwise northwesterly 5 or 6, backing southwest 4 or 5 later.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far west.  
Occasional rain then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
South or southwest 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.  
Showers then occasional rain.  
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8 just at first, otherwise west 5 to 7, backing southwest later.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough, but very rough in far north for a time.  
Occasional rain, then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Slight in shelter otherwise moderate or rough.  
Showers, rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Southwest 6 to gale 8 just at first, otherwise west 5 to 7, backing southwest later.  
Very rough or high.  
Occasional rain, then showers.  
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Southwest 5 or 6 becoming variable 3 or 4.  
Very rough or high, becoming rough or very rough.  
Showers, rain for a time.  
Good, occasionally moderate.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 1200 UTC until Sunday 05 Feb 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Deep low tracking north over Iceland with associated frontal trough tracking northeast over Shetland during Saturday night and early Sunday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly severe gale 9.

Southerly gale 8 or severe gale 9, veering westerly 4 or 5 later.  
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in the northeast.  
Rain, later showers.  
Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb until 1200 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

Westerly 5 or 6, occasionally 4 in east at first.  
Rough or very rough.  
Showers, perhaps wintry.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 1 to 3, becoming southerly by midday, increasing 5 to 7 during the evening, veering and increasing north 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8 by morning. Slight, increasing moderate to rather rough this evening, locally rough in the north overnight.  
Rain and sleet spreading from the west during the evening risk of snow jersey eastwards.  
Good, becoming moderate to very poor in the evening.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly 5, decreasing 3 to 4 during the afternoon, becoming variable 1 to 3 in the afternoon.  
Rather rough to rough, gradually decreasing slight during Sunday, with a swell.  
Occasional rain Sunday night.  
Moderate.

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