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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0001 UTC to 2359 UTC

#### General Situation

High pressure centred near Iceland will extend a ridge across the United Kingdom. This ridge will decline later on Monday and Tuesday, allowing troughs to move south from the Norwegian Sea.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate occasionally rough.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Wintry showers, squally later.

Good occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later in north.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Rough becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 4 or 5, backing northwest 3 or 4.

Rough becoming moderate, occasionally slight later.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time, backing westerly later.

Slight occasionally moderate in far north.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, veering easterly 3 or 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate for a time.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly backing northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or northwest 3 or 4, veering east or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 4 or 5, backing north 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, but moderate for a time in west.

Wintry showers then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming east 5 or 6, increasing 7 for a time around Isles of Scilly.

Slight becoming moderate, occasionally rough later in far west.

Fair then wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or southeast 4 or 5 occasionally 6, backing northeast 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, but rough for a time in far west.

Showers, wintry for a time.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable becoming easterly 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in west.

Wintry showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in west, becoming variable 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later in east.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate for a time.

Wintry showers at first.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East backing west 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable later.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable becoming northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in south.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, backing north or northeast 3 or less later.

Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.

Fair.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 3 or less, backing north or northwest 4.

Smooth or slight.

Fair then wintry showers.

Good occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

East 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less.

Slight or moderate becoming smooth later.

Wintry showers for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less becoming north or northwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in far north.

Wintry showers later.

Moderate or good.

The Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and the North Channel

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, but 5 for a time, becoming variable 3 or less.

Smooth or slight.

Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Variable 3 or less, becoming north or northwest 4 or 5.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later in North Channel.  
Wintry showers later.  
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point  
24 hour forecast:  
East backing northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first.  
Slight becoming smooth.  
Fair.  
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5, veering north 5 or 6 later.  
Smooth becoming slight, occasionally moderate later.  
Fair then wintry showers.  
Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly backing northerly 3 or 4.  
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough, occasionally very rough later in north.  
Wintry showers, squally later.  
Good occasionally poor.

The Minch  
24 hour forecast:  
Easterly backing northerly 3 or 4.  
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate north of skye.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.  
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far north.  
Wintry showers, squally later.  
Good occasionally poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
South to southeast 2 to 3, increasing 3 to 4 by dawn, backing east by afternoon and increasing 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in mid-channel.  
Slight, becoming moderate in the north and west later.  
Isolated wintry showers.  
Very good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
East 4 to 5, occasionally 6 in mid-channel, backing northeast later Monday and decreasing 3 to 4 by evening.  
Slight in the south and east of the area, otherwise moderate.

Occasional wintry showers, mainly in the north of the area.  
Good.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland  
Valid Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 0000 UTC until Sunday 03 Jan 2010 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Weak ridge of high pressure across Shetland moves away south over mainland UK. A series of troughs then move south across the area in a cold northerly flow.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North or northeast 4 soon increasing 5, occasionally 6.  
Moderate but locally slight in shelter off southeast Shetland, becoming rough in the north.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Sunday 03 Jan until 0000 UTC on Monday 04 Jan:

North or northeast 5, occasionally 6 later backing northwest.  
Locally slight in shelter off southeast Shetland at first else moderate but rough in the north and later east.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

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