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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Saturday 04 February to 0600 UTC Sunday 05 February
2012

General Situation

High pressure, over the United Kingdom, will decline, as occluding, Atlantic fronts make southeastwards progress. A warm front will approach western areas on Sunday night.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time, veering west 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in north.

Occasional rain, showers later.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in north, but slight later in Moray Firth.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 for a time near Rattray Head, veering west 4 or 5 later.

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 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first in north.

Fair then showers.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Rain and snow for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming very poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time near Whitby.

Sleet and snow for a time, fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming southerly or southwesterly, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.

Snow showers, sleet or snow later.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

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:

Easterly or southeasterly, veering southerly, 3 or 4, increasing 6 or 7, then backing southeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

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:

Southerly or southeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable.

Moderate or rough, becoming smooth or slight.

Sleet or snow then fair.

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

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North, veering south, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, then becoming cyclonic later.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Fair then rain and sleet.

Good, becoming moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

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:

Variable, becoming south or southwest, 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, veering north later.

Moderate or rough, but slight for a time in east.

Rain and drizzle for a time.

Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.

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:

South, veering north later, 5 or 6, but 3 or 4 at first in Bristol Channel.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later near Lands End.

Rain and drizzle for a time.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, then becoming variable later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first near Lands End.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally smooth later.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate at first.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Rain, fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, backing southwest 3 or 4.
Slight.
Rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest, becoming cyclonic, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.
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, then decreasing 4.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough for a time.
Occasional rain and drizzle then fair.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest, backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate.
Fair then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 5 to 7, veering northwest 6, decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough.
Occasional rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest, backing south, 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate or rough, but very rough for a time.
Showers then occasional rain.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 6 to gale 8, veering west 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south.
Occasional rain, then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing south or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south and north, but becoming slight near skye.
Showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first, backing south or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 later.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first.
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 0600 UTC until Saturday 04 Feb 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
Strengthening southerly flow over Shetland waters, as Atlantic weather front approaches from the west. The front moves east across Shetland overnight into Sunday.

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

South 7, increasing severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, increasing very rough.

Fair, soon rain.

Good, becoming moderate occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 04 Feb until 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Feb:

South severe gale 9, soon veering westerly 4 or 5.

Very rough.

Rain, then rain showers.

Moderate or poor, soon good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable or north 1 to 3, becoming southerly by midday, increasing 5 to 7 during the evening, then becoming cyclonic variable, 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 6 to 7, perhaps locally gale 8, decreasing 3 to 5 during the morning, becoming variable 1 to 3 in the afternoon.

Rather rough to rough, gradually decreasing slight during Sunday, with a swell.

Rain and sleet, perhaps snow jersey eastwards, soon clearing occasional rain Sunday night.

Moderate to very poor soon becoming moderate to good.

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