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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Sunday 04 July to 0000 UTC Monday 05 July 2010

General Situation

The area of low pressure near Iceland will continue to drift northwards and fill. An intense depression will move quickly northeastwards across Scotland on Sunday bringing severe gales or storms to the north, its associated frontal system sweeping eastwards across all areas by dawn Monday followed by a building ridge of high pressure.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 4 or 5 backing southeast 6 to gale 8, veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9 later.

Rough or very rough west of Orkney, slight or moderate elsewhere.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough west of Orkney at first.

Occasional rain, then squally showers.

Moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering southwest and increasing 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South 3 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest and decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering northwest, 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.

Slight becoming moderate.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then northwesterly 5 or 6 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or 4 becoming south or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then northwest 3 or 4 later.
Smooth or slight, but moderate in south.
Mainly fair.
Good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair, drizzle later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest, veering northwest later, 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate.
Drizzle at first, then fair.
Good, occasionally poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
West or northwest 3 or 4, backing southwest 5 or 6 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair, drizzle later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.
Slight or moderate.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.
Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or northwest 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Mainly fair.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southwest, veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 for a time.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Occasional rain or drizzle for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest 4 or 5.

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

Mainly fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South, veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle for a time.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South, veering west later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 to gale 8 for a time.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle, becoming fair later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight.

Showers.

Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 7 or gale 8, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain for a time, mainly fair later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in north, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate becoming moderate or rough, but rough or very rough in northwest.

Rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

In northwest, rough or very rough, elsewhere, moderate or rough becoming slight.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 in north, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West veering northwest 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest and increasing gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Slight with shelter at first, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in west.

Rain or drizzle, showers later.

Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7 decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate or rough later.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight with shelter in north, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough in south.

Rain.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate, but staying rough in far south.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southeast 5 or 6 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Rough or very rough.

Rain.

Moderate or poor, occasionally good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or southwest 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

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

Valid Sunday 04 Jul 2010 at 0000 UTC until Sunday 04 Jul 2010 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Vigorous developing low expected to move northeast close to NW Scotland during Sunday. Strong winds and weather fronts will affect Shetland later Sunday. The low expected to be filling as it moves to the north of Shetland during Monday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southeast gale 8 expected later.

South 4, occasional 5. later backing and increasing southeast 6.
Moderate or rough.
Mainly fair. Rain later.
Good, later moderate.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Sunday 04 Jul until 0000 UTC on Monday 05 Jul:

Southeast 6, soon 7 or gale 8. later veering south 4.
Rough.
Rain.
Moderate, occasional poor.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

Northwest to west 2 to 3, backing southwest 3 to 4 by dawn, increasing 4 to 5 guernsey northwards by afternoon, becoming variable 2 near the brittany coast, veering west later.

Slight, becoming moderate in the north in the afternoon.

Patchy mist, rain and drizzle in the evening.

Good, becoming moderate to poor in the evening.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West to northwest 3 to 4.

Slight to moderate with a low swell.

Patchy mist, rain and drizzle, clearing by mid-morning.

Moderate to poor becoming good.

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