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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Thursday 05 January to 0000 UTC Friday 06 January 2012

General Situation

As low pressure moves east from northern Scotland into the Continent, a ridge of high pressure will build, gales and storms at first gradually easing as the airflow becomes northwesterly.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic, becoming northwesterly, 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Very rough or high in north, moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in east. Rain or squally wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly, backing southerly or southerly for a time, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time, increasing gale 8 later in northwest.

Very rough at first in north, otherwise moderate or rough.

Fair at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later near Rattray Head.

Rain or squally wintry showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 later.

Very rough at first near Rattray Head, otherwise moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Fair at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 6 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in north.

Rain or squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 5 to 7, backing west or southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Fair at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 at times.
Moderate or rough.
Rain or squally showers, becoming fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in far northeast, backing westerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Fair at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 5 or 6 at times later.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.
Occasional rain or showers, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly backing westerly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Fair at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in east, decreasing 5 or 6.
Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.
Occasional rain or showers, fair later.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in east.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 5 or 6, decreasing 4 for a time.
Slight or moderate.
Fair at first, occasional rain later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5.
Rough or very rough, occasionally high in far west, becoming moderate or rough in east.
Occasional rain or showers, fair later.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.
Slight or moderate, but rough or very rough at first in far west.
Occasional rain.
Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in Bristol Channel, decreasing 4 or 5.

Very rough or high, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Rough or very rough becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly veering northwesterly 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first in far north, decreasing 5 or 6.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate later.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first in north.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Rough or very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair at first, then occasional rain.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Rough, becoming moderate later.

Rain or showers at first, then fair.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.

Slight or moderate.

Fair at first, then rain or drizzle for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight in east, very rough or high, becoming rough in north.

Occasional rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest, backing west or southwest, 4 or 5, increasing 6 later.
Rough or very rough at first in north, otherwise slight or moderate.
Occasional rain, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

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

24 hour forecast:

West veering northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or squally showers, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 or 5, but 6 or 7 at first in North Channel, backing westerly 3 or 4, then backing southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10 at first, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first, becoming moderate or rough later in east.

Showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest backing west or southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 for a time.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, veering north for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough far south and far north.

Showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, backing southerly or southwesterly for a time and increasing 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough at first in far south and far north, otherwise slight or moderate.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwesterly, veering northerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high at first.

Showers, squally at first, becoming fair later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly 4, backing southerly or southwesterly for a time and increasing 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Occasional rain, becoming fair later.
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC until Thursday 05 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A depression is centred just southeast of Shetland and will track rapidly away over the North Sea but continue to extend troughs towards Shetland through Thursday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Westerly gale force 8 increasing severe gale force 9 imminent (issued 04/1559 GMT)

Cyclonic 5 to 7 soon becoming north 6 to gale 8 then northwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
Rough or very rough, but moderate just east of Shetland.
Rain soon showers, perhaps wintry.
Good or moderate, perhaps poor at times.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Thursday 05 Jan until 0000 UTC on Friday 06 Jan:

Northwest 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps increasing storm 10 for a time in the northeast, decreasing 5 or 6 in the west later.
Rough or very rough, soon becoming high in the west and north.
Wintry showers, fair later in west.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 7 to gale 8, locally severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt alderney northwards until dawn, veering northwest late morning, decreasing 6 to 7 with gusts to 45kt during the afternoon and 5 to 6 by midnight.
Very rough, locally high in the north until dawn, decreasing rough later.
Rain or drizzle clearing soon after midday.
Moderate to good, occasionally poor in drizzle.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 5 to 6 decreasing 4 to 5 by dawn, backing west early afternoon.
Rough gradually decreasing moderate to rather rough, with a swell.
Occasional light rain or drizzle from early afternoon.
Good becoming moderate to poor in the afternoon.

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