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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore from 0600 to 0600 UTC

General Situation

Low pressure along with various fronts and troughs will gradually move southwards across the United Kingdom during the next 24 to 36 hours. A much clearer northerly or northeasterly airflow will follow.

From Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast backing northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.

Rough at first in north, otherwise mainly moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 for a time.

Moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Showers.

Good.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 towards Rattray Head.

Smooth or slight, increasing moderate.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 for a time.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough towards Rattray Head.

Showers.

Good.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Northwest veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 4 or 5.

Slight, increasing moderate.

Showers, mainly fair later.

Mainly good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight, increasing moderate later.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly, backing northerly later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Moderate, occasionally rough.

Showers.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly veering westerly 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Smooth or slight, increasing moderate in north later.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in south, backing northerly later.

Slight increasing moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less later.

Moderate decreasing slight away from far east.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Variable 3 or less, then northeasterly 5 to 7.

Slight, but moderate in far east.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less, then northwest 3 or 4 later.

Moderate decreasing slight.

Showers, fair for a time.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.

Mainly slight.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, becoming variable 3 or less for a time, then north or northwest 4 or 5 later.

Moderate, decreasing slight in east, occasionally rough in west later.

Mainly fair, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest, veering northeast 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7.

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

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4, veering northerly 5 or 6 later.

Moderate, occasionally slight in east, occasionally rough in far southwest later.

Mainly fair, then showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 to 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough in west, but slight in east.

Showers, then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6 later.

Slight or moderate in south, smooth or slight for a time in north.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northerly or northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 for a time in south.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, then fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Smooth or slight.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north, 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Smooth or slight.

Mainly fair.

Good.

Isle of Man

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 4 or 5 later.

Smooth or slight, increasing slight or moderate.

Showers, fair later.

Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fair.

Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough

24 hour forecast:

Variable, becoming northeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northwest.

Showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast backing north or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

Smooth or slight in east, moderate or rough in northwest.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, then northeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing north or northwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 or less, becoming northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 near Coll and Tiree.
Moderate, occasionally slight in shelter.
Showers, rain for a time.
Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 4 or 5, backing west or northwest for a time.
Moderate, but slight in shelter.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, backing northwesterly later.
Moderate, occasionally rough in north and west.
Occasional rain, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly becoming cyclonic, then northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7.
Moderate, occasionally rough in north and east.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5, backing northwesterly later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in far north.
Occasional rain, then mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwesterly becoming cyclonic, then northeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7.
Moderate or rough north of skye, smooth or slight to south.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

The Channel Islands
24 hour forecast:
West 3 or 4, perhaps backing south for a short time this evening then increasing 4 or 5 by midnight,
veering northwest after dawn.
Slight to moderate.
Occasional showers at first and again in the evening and overnight, perhaps heavy.
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northwest 4 or 5, veering north to northeast 5 or 6 overnight.
Moderate becoming rather rough.
Scattered showers, possibly prolonged at times, dying out on Monday.
Good except in showers.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Saturday 01 May 2010 at 0600 UTC until Saturday 01 May 2010 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A strong northerly airflow will cover Shetland.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

North or northwest 5 or 6.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Saturday 01 May until 0600 UTC on Sunday
02 May:

Northwest 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Mainly good.

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