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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 02 March to 0600 UTC Saturday 03 March 2012

General Situation

High pressure across the United Kingdom will move northeastwards towards Scandinavia as areas of low pressure in the Atlantic slowly edge eastwards.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west later, 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in north.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in north.

Occasional rain, fog patches later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north.

Occasional rain with fog patches then showers.

Moderate occasionally very poor becoming mainly good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate later.

Fog patches, drizzle later.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain with fog patches, then showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate later.

Fog patches, drizzle later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain with fog patches, then showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming easterly 3 or 4, veering southerly later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog banks.

Poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight.

Occasional rain with fog patches, then showers.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming northeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog banks, occasional drizzle.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly 3 or 4, veering southwesterly 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers, fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or less, becoming south or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.

Smooth or slight.

Fog banks, occasional drizzle.

Poor, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South veering southwest 4 or 5.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Occasional rain then showers, fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly, then southwesterly later, 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight in east at first, otherwise slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, veering northerly in west later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, veering southerly, then southwesterly later, 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches, rain later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 or 6, veering northerly in west later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in west.

Slight or moderate.

Fog patches, occasional rain later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4 then veering northwesterly later.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in southwest.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.

Fog patches at first, rain later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering southwest 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Smooth or slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 3 or 4 backing south or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.

Slight, becoming slight or moderate.

Fog patches at first.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 5 or 6, veering west 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain for a time, then mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional drizzle, fog patches at first in east.

Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering west or southwest later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in north.

Occasional rain or drizzle.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering westerly or southwesterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or 4.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough later in north.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or drizzle.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in west.
Rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later in southwest.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Slight or moderate, becoming rough in far south and far north.
Occasional rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7, perhaps gale 8 later in southwest.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southeast, veering west later, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
Moderate or rough becoming rough or very rough.
Occasional rain then wintry showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 0600 UTC until Friday 02 Mar 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A ridge of high pressure over Shetland will move away to the east on Friday and Saturday. A strong southeasterly airflow will develop over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Nil

Southeast 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later in the west.
Rough in the west, slight or moderate in the east.
Mainly fair.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 02 Mar until 0600 UTC on Saturday

03 Mar:

Southeast 6 or 7.

Moderate, occasionally rough in the west.

Mainly fair.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands

24 hour forecast:

East 1 to 3, veering southeast to south by evening, increasing 3 to 4, further veering south to southwest 4 to 5 by midnight.

Smooth or slight, increasing slight to moderate overnight.

Extensive fog at first, thinning and lifting this morning, with a risk of a little light rain or drizzle risk of fog patches during the afternoon outbreaks of rain in the west by Saturday morning.

Very poor, becoming mainly moderate to good in the afternoon, locally moderate to poor Saturday morning.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South to southwest 4 to 5, veering southwest to west in the afternoon, backing south 3 to 4 overnight, increasing 4 to 5 by morning.

Slight to moderate.

Occasional rain Saturday morning, becoming fair with a risk of a shower in the afternoon.

Good, locally moderate to poor in the morning.

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