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

#### General Situation

A complex area of low pressure will work its way slowly southwards across the North Sea during Friday and Saturday maintaining a cold and changeable airflow across the British Isles.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly backing northwesterly, then veering easterly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 at times in south, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times later. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough. Wintry showers, squally at times. Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East 5 to 7 becoming variable 3 or 4, then north 4 or 5 later. Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first. Wintry showers, squally for a time. Good occasionally very poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick on Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 at times, veering easterly 6 or 7 in north later. Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in north. Wintry showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly 4 at first in south, otherwise easterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time at first, becoming variable then northwesterly 3 or 4. Moderate or rough. Wintry showers, squally for a time. Good occasionally very poor.

Berwick on Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northwest, becoming cyclonic at times, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 at times. Moderate or rough. Wintry showers. Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 3 or 4 veering east 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 for a time at first, becoming variable 3 or less. Moderate or rough. Wintry showers, squally for a time. Good occasionally very poor.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest, becoming cyclonic for a time, 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times. Moderate or rough. Wintry showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in south, backing westerly 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough decreasing slight or moderate.

Wintry showers, squally at first.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly or northwesterly veering northeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 at first in east, backing westerly or northwesterly 3 or 4.

Moderate or rough decreasing slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

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

Slight.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight, occasionally moderate at first.

Wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest veering northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight.

Fair.

Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 or 6 backing northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly veering easterly 4 or 5, decreasing 3 for a time, increasing 6 in west later.

Slight.

Wintry showers at first.

Good, occasionally poor at first.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel

24 hour forecast:

Northeast backing northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Moderate at first in west, otherwise slight.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwesterly veering easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 in west later.  
Slight.  
Wintry showers at first.  
Mainly good.

St Davids Head to Great Ormes Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
Northeast backing northwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times.  
Slight occasionally moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Westerly or northwesterly veering easterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 at times in north.  
Moderate at first in north, otherwise slight.  
Mainly fair.  
Good.

Great Ormes Head to the Mull of Galloway  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.  
Smooth or slight increasing slight or moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
Northwest veering east or northeast 4 or 5, increasing 6 for a time, decreasing 3 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate at first.  
Wintry showers.  
Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6.  
Slight or moderate.  
Showers.  
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
North or northwest, veering east or northeast later, 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times.  
Moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)  
24 hour forecast:  
North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later.  
Slight occasionally moderate.  
Wintry showers.  
Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:  
West or northwest veering east or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times.  
Slight, occasionally moderate.

Wintry showers.  
Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Northerly or northwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later in west.

Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest veering east or northeast 4 or 5, decreasing 3 at times.

Slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Wintry showers.

Moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North or northwest 4 or 5, occasionally 3 at first, increasing 6 at times later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 4 or 5 veering east or northeast 5 to 7, decreasing 3 or less later.

Slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good occasionally moderate.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath including the Outer Hebrides - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing northwest for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate in south, otherwise rough or very rough.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 6 to gale 8 decreasing 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough decreasing moderate or rough, but occasionally slight in south.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good occasionally very poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast, backing northwest for a time, 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough north of skye, slight or moderate south of skye.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good occasionally very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 6 to gale 8 decreasing 3 or 4.

Rough or very rough decreasing moderate north of skye, slight occasionally moderate at first south of skye.

Wintry showers, squally at times.

Good occasionally very poor.

The Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 5 occasionally 6, but locally 7 mid-channel at first, backing north by

early afternoon and decreasing 4, further backing northwest tonight 3 or 4, then increasing by dawn tomorrow 4 or 5.  
Rather rough locally rough in the north, becoming moderate.  
Scattered wintry showers.  
Good except in showers.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 4 or 5 decreasing 2 or 3, becoming variable then southeast on Sunday 3 or 4.  
Moderate becoming slight.  
Isolated wintry showers.  
Good.

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

Shetland Isles

General Situation

An area of low pressure will track southeast from Norway towards the UK.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northeasterly gale force 8 in operation.

North or northeast becoming cyclonic 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.  
Rough or very rough.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 01 Jan until 0600 UTC on Saturday 02 Jan:  
Cyclonic 6 to gale 8 becoming east or northeast 4 or 5.  
Rough or very rough.  
Snow showers.  
Good, occasionally poor.

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