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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1800 UTC Saturday 04 January to 1800 UTC Sunday 05 January 2014

General Situation

A complex area of low pressure over the United Kingdom will move away northeastwards as a very large and intense low in the Atlantic moves east towards the United Kingdom Sunday and Monday then northeastwards to the west of Scotland on Tuesday, filling slowly.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Variable 3 or 4 becoming southeast 6 to gale 8.

Mainly slight in inner Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain or showers, fair later.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough for a time in far northeast.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Cyclonic becoming southwest 4 or 5, backing southeast 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Good, becoming moderate or poor for a time.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 or 5 backing southeast 5 to 7.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest backing south 4 or 5, increasing 5 to 7 later.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight near shore in south, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight or moderate.

Rain or showers, squally at first.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Moderate or rough.

Squally showers then fair, rain later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 6 to gale 8.

Rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south later, 5 to 7, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Squally showers then fair, rain later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

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

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly west, backing south or southwest later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Rough or very rough.

Squally showers then fair, rain later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Remaining rough or very rough in lyme bay, otherwise becoming very rough or high, then high or very high in far west.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly west or southwest, backing south or southeast later, 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate in inner Bristol Channel, otherwise becoming rough or very rough in east, and high or very high in west.

Squally showers then fair, rain later.

Mainly good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high in west.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough or high except in shelter.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 3 or 4 increasing 4 or 5, backing south or southeast 6 to gale 8 later.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast veering south or southwest 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or poor, becoming mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 4 backing southeast 7 to severe gale 9.

Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later except in shelter.

Showers, rain later.

Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeast veering south or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.

Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.

Rain then squally showers.

Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 4 or 5 backing southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9.
Slight or moderate, becoming moderate or rough later except in shelter.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southeasterly veering southerly or southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Rain then squally showers.
Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest 3 or 4 backing southeast 7 to severe gale 9.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, but rough or very rough in far northwest.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Slight or moderate in shelter, otherwise rough or very rough, becoming high or very high in northwest.
Rain then squally showers.
Poor, becoming moderate or good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 backing southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Slight in shelter, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough in far south.
Rain then squally showers.
Poor, becoming moderate or good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 3 or 4 backing southeasterly 7 to severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough.
Showers, rain later.
Good, becoming moderate or poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southeast, veering southwest for a time, 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.
Rough or very rough, becoming high or very high.
Rain then squally showers.
Poor, becoming moderate or good.

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

Valid Saturday 04 Jan 2014 at 1800 UTC until Sunday 05 Jan 2014 at 0600 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex series of troughs of low pressure expected to continue tracking across Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwesterly gale force 8 at time of issue

Southerly or southwesterly backing easterly or southeasterly, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first in northeast, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Rough or very rough becoming occasionally moderate in east.
Fair at first, showers later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0600 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan until 1800 UTC on Sunday 05 Jan:

Variable, perhaps cyclonic for a time, 4 or 5, becoming south or southeast 5 or 6 later.
Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in west and north.
Showers dying for a time.
Mainly good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 to 6 backing southwest this evening, locally cyclonic variable 2 to 4 in the north of the area around midnight, becoming northwest, backing south in the morning, increasing 6 to 7 in the afternoon.
Moderate to rather rough in the south, rather rough to rough in the north, occasionally very rough.
Scattered showers dying out overnight rain from mid to late morning, perhaps locally heavy in the afternoon.
Good except in showers becoming moderate to poor in rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South 6 to 7 veering southwest in the evening, decreasing 5 to 6 overnight, increasing 6 to 7 in the morning, locally gale 8 in the north of the area during the afternoon.
Rather rough to rough becoming moderate to rather rough in the south for a time.
Rain clearing overnight, then scattered showers.
Moderate to poor in rain becoming good except in showers.

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