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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 1200 UTC Monday 02 January to 1200 UTC Tuesday 03 January 2012

General Situation

A strong westerly or southwesterly airflow covers the United Kingdom, bringing gales in places today. A deepening area of low pressure will approach from the west tomorrow, bringing stormy conditions to many areas for a time.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, backing north later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times later.

Moderate or rough in east, rough or very rough, occasionally high, in north.

Squally wintry showers, rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Cyclonic, becoming northwest, 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 for a time.

Rough or very rough.

Rain, then squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwesterly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe gale 9 or storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Wintry showers, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly gale 8 to storm 10, increasing violent storm 11 for a time in south, decreasing 5 to 7 later.

Rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Rain then wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Mainly fair at first and later, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 5 to 7.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, backing south for a time later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough later.

Fair at first and later, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest veering west 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 later.

Moderate, becoming rough or very rough later.

Fair, rain for a time later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly veering westerly 7 to severe gale 9, perhaps storm 10 for a time in south, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Westerly, backing southerly or southwesterly, 5 or 6, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Moderate, becoming very rough.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly gale 8 to storm 10, veering westerly 5 to 7.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Rain at first, then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time later.

Moderate, becoming very rough, occasionally high.

Showers at first, occasional rain later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands.

Very rough occasionally high, becoming moderate or rough.

Rain or drizzle, then mainly fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 for a time.

Moderate or rough in east at first, otherwise very rough or high.

Squally showers at first, rain for a time later.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 near headlands.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high in west.

Rain at first, then fair.

Moderate, occasionally poor, becoming good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high later.

Squally showers at first, then rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8.

Rough or very rough, occasionally high at first.

Rain at first, then fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Squally showers at first, then rain for a time.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Rain or squally showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 6 or 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later.

Squally showers, rain for a time.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

Rough or very rough, becoming moderate.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, backing south for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high in north.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Moderate or rough, but very rough or high at times in north.

Rain or squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

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

24 hour forecast:

Westerly or southwesterly, backing southerly for a time, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 at times later.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough later in North Channel.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Westerly gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Rough or very rough, occasionally moderate later.

Squally showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West or southwest, becoming cyclonic later, 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west, but occasionally rough in east.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

West or northwest gale 8 to storm 10, perhaps violent storm 11 for a time, decreasing 6 or 7 later.

Very rough or high, occasionally rough in sheltered east.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough in far south and far north.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwest 6 to gale 8.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough or high in far south and far north.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southwest, becoming cyclonic later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 or severe gale 9 at times.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west.

Rain or squally wintry showers.

Good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

Very rough or high.

Squally wintry showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Valid Monday 02 Jan 2012 at 1200 UTC until Tuesday 03 Jan 2012 at 0000 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

Complex low near Iceland will drift east and fill but a rapidly deepening low will track northeast across Scotland Tuesday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southwest gale 8 backing Southeast and increasing severe gale 9 later.

Southwest 6 to gale 8.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in far west.

Blustery, wintry showers.

Good occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 0000 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan until 1200 UTC on Tuesday 03 Jan:

Southwest 6 to gale 8 backing south 5 or 6 then backing east, but increasing 7 to severe gale 9 in south.

Very rough or high, occasionally very high in west at first.

Blustery showers, but heavy rain later.

Good occasionally poor, mostly poor later.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

West 5 or 6, backing southwest to south 6 or 7 this evening, increasing 7 to severe gale 9 after midnight with gusts to 60kt.

Rather rough to rough, becoming rough to very rough, perhaps high mid-channel by mid- morning.

Occasional rain or hail showers with a risk of thunder, dying out this evening some rain overnight, locally heavy in the morning.

Good except in showers or rain.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest 7 to severe gale 9 with gusts to 60kt, very soon veering west to northwest and decreasing 6 to gale 8, further decreasing 5 or 6 for a time.

Rough in the south to high in the north, becoming mainly rough.

Rain very soon clearing, then isolated showers.

Good locally moderate to poor in rain or showers.

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