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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0000 UTC Saturday 02 April to 0000 UTC Sunday 03 April 2011

General Situation

A deepening low will move rapidly north through the Irish Sea then east to the North Sea early Saturday bringing gales for a time in the north and west. A transient ridge of high pressure will move east over southern areas but a further deepening Atlantic low will move east to the north of Scotland later Sunday.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Mainly southerly or southwesterly, becoming cyclonic or northwesterly for a time in east, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 at times.

Moderate or rough, but slight or moderate in Moray Firth.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 6 later in northwest. Slight or moderate in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in north.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, veering westerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 for a time in south, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4 or 5.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, veering westerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

South or southwest 4, increasing 5 at times in north.

Mainly slight.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, veering westerly for a time later, 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time in north, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Showers.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
South or southwest 3 or 4.
Slight.
Showers.
Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, becoming variable 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time later in south.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Variable or westerly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later near North Foreland.
Slight.
Showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly veering southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers, fog patches developing.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later.
Slight, occasionally moderate in west.
Showers, fog patches at first in east.
Moderate or good, occasionally very poor at first in east.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 6, veering westerly 3 or 4.
Moderate.
Showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times later.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Moderate or good.

Lyme Regis to Lands End including the Isles of Scilly - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly, veering westerly for a time, 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate in east.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly, veering northwesterly later, 3 or 4, occasionally 5 at first in west.
Slight or moderate in east, moderate or rough in west.
Showers.
Good.

Lands End to St Davids Head including the Bristol Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in northwest, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate or rough.
Rain or showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in west.
Moderate or rough.
Showers.
Mainly good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly veering southwesterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.
Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in southwest.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 at times in west.
Moderate, occasionally rough at first in south, becoming slight or moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Southerly, veering westerly for a time 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time, decreasing 4 later.
Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate later.
Rain then showers.
Moderate or good, becoming poor for a time.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southwesterly 4, increasing 5 at times in north.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Good.

Isle of Man - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
South 5 to 7, veering west or southwest 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Occasional rain or showers.
Moderate or good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
West or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5.
Slight or moderate.
Showers.
Mainly good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Variable 3 at first in northwest, otherwise southerly, veering westerly for a time, 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first in east, decreasing 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough, becoming mainly slight in east.
Rain, showers later.
Moderate or poor, becoming good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in north.
Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in west.
Showers.
Good.

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

24 hour forecast:

Southerly, veering westerly for a time, 6 to gale 8, decreasing 4 or 5 later. Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming very rough later in north.

Showers.

Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly 7 or gale 8 at first near Mull of Kintyre, otherwise variable becoming southerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5, increasing 6 at times later.

Moderate or rough.

Rain or showers.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times in north.

Moderate or rough, becoming rough or very rough.

Showers.

Good.

The Minch - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

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

Slight or moderate, occasionally rough in south and far north.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Rough or very rough in south and far north, otherwise moderate.

Showers.

Good.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Southerly or southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7 at times.

Moderate or rough, occasionally very rough at first in west.

Rain, showers later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwesterly 5 to 7, increasing gale 8 for a time.

Rough, becoming very rough or high.

Showers.

Good.

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

Valid Saturday 02 Apr 2011 at 0000 UTC until Saturday 02 Apr 2011 at 1200 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation

A series of weather fronts will cross Shetland during tonight before a deepening

low tracks NE close to the island during Saturday.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Southerly gale 8

Southerly 5 to 7 veering southwesterly 3 or 4, becoming cyclonic 4 or 5 in southeast, veering northwesterly 5 or 6 here later.

Rough.

Rain.

Moderate or good.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1200 UTC on Saturday 02 Apr until 0000 UTC on Sunday 03 Apr:

Northwesterly 5 or 6 at first in southeast, otherwise southwesterly 3 or 4 backing southerly 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough.

Rain then showers.

Moderate or good.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

South to southeast 5 to 6, veering south to southwest 4 to 5 around dawn and west 3 to 4 in the morning, becoming locally variable 1 to 3 in the south in the afternoon, then southwest in the evening

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Moderate in the south to rather rough in the north, locally rough at first, becoming mainly slight later

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Some light rain during the morning and early afternoon

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Good, locally moderate in rain

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Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Southwest to south 1 to 3, locally 4 mid-channel at times, veering west to northwest in the afternoon

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Slight with a swell

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Risk of a shower Sunday morning

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Mainly good.

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