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Inshore Waters Forecast to 12 miles offshore
for the period 0600 UTC Friday 04 May to 0600 UTC Saturday 05 May 2012

General Situation

Low pressure will remain centred over northern France, while a ridge of high pressure gradually extends across the United Kingdom from the northwest. Later on Saturday, the ridge will then decline westwards, allowing a deep low over southern Scandinavia to edge closer to northeast Scotland.

Cape Wrath to Rattray Head including Orkney - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in Moray Firth.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northwesterly, backing westerly for a time, 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in north.

Mainly slight in Moray Firth, otherwise moderate or rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Rattray Head to Berwick upon Tweed - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 to 7, occasionally 4 in sheltered west.

Mainly slight in sheltered west, otherwise moderate or rough.

Showers, wintry later.

Good, occasionally poor later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northwest, backing west for a time, 4 or 5.

Moderate or rough, becoming slight or moderate.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Berwick upon Tweed to Whitby - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

North 5 or 6.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough later.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North 4 or 5 becoming variable 3 or less.

Moderate or rough.

Showers.

Good.

Whitby to Gibraltar Point - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 5 or 6, but 4 in south at first.

Slight or moderate, becoming rough in north later.

Rain then showers.

Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

North or northeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Moderate, occasionally rough at first.

Fair.

Good.

Gibraltar Point to North Foreland - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 near North Foreland later.

Slight, becoming moderate later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 in north.

Slight in Thames estuary otherwise moderate, occasionally rough in north and east at first.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor in south at first.

North Foreland to Selsey Bill - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northerly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later in east.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in Strait of Dover later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeasterly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 in east at first.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain then fair.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 later.

Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional drizzle, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast 5 to 7, decreasing mainly 4 or 5 later.

Slight near shore, otherwise moderate or rough.

Occasional rain mainly in east, becoming mainly fair later.

Moderate, occasionally very poor, becoming mainly good later.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, backing northeast 5 or 6 later.

Slight, occasionally moderate later.

Occasional drizzle, rain later.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

East or northeast 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

Slight or moderate.

Occasional rain in east at first otherwise fair.

Moderate or good.

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

24 hour forecast:

East 3 or 4, backing northeast 5 or 6.

Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in west later.

Rain at times.

Moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west at first, decreasing 3

or 4 later.
Smooth or slight in east, slight or moderate in west.
Mainly fair.
Moderate or good.

St Davids Head to Great Orme Head, including St Georges Channel - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northerly 3 or 4, veering northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in far west later.
Smooth or slight, becoming moderate in west later.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 5 or 6 veering east 3 or 4.
Slight, occasionally moderate in west at first.
Fair.
Good.

Great Orme Head to the Mull of Galloway
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5, but variable 3 in south at first.
Smooth or slight.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast 4 or 5, becoming variable or north 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Isle of Man
24 hour forecast:
East or northeast 4 or 5.
Slight or moderate.
Occasional rain at first otherwise fair.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast 4 or 5 backing north 3 or 4, becoming variable or north 2 or 3 later.
Slight or moderate, becoming smooth or slight.
Fair.
Good.

Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly, 5 to 7 in northwest, 4 or 5 in southeast.
Moderate or rough in northwest, slight in southeast.
Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing northwest for a time, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Mull of Galloway to Mull of Kintyre including the Firth of Clyde and North Channel
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in North Channel.

Rain at first.
Good, occasionally moderate at first.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
Northeast backing northwest for a time, 3 or 4, becoming variable 3 or less later.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeasterly, 6 or 7 in northwest at first, otherwise 4 or 5.
Smooth or slight, occasionally moderate in northwest.
Fair.
Good.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North or northeast, backing northwest for a time, 4 or 5 decreasing 3 or 4.
Smooth or slight.
Showers.
Good.

The Minch - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5.
Moderate, but rough in north.
Wintry showers later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4, backing west or northwest 5 or 6 for a time.
Smooth or slight south of skye, moderate or rough elsewhere.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Ardnamurchan Point to Cape Wrath - (SWW)
24 hour forecast:
Northeast 5 to 7, backing north 4 or 5.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers later.
Good, occasionally moderate later.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:
North 4, backing west or northwest 5 or 6 for a time.
Moderate or rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

For Coastal areas up to 60 nautical miles from Lerwick, Shetland
Valid Friday 04 May 2012 at 0600 UTC until Friday 04 May 2012 at 1800 UTC

Shetland Isles

General Situation
A low will deepen over southern Scandinavia with a strengthening northerly airflow becoming established over Shetland waters.

Gale Warnings in operation for Sea Area Fair Isle: Northerly gale force 8 expected soon

North 6 to gale 8.

Rough.
Wintry showers.
Good, occasionally poor.

Outlook for 12 Hours from 1800 UTC on Friday 04 May until 0600 UTC on Saturday 05 May:

North backing northwest 5 to 7.

Rough.

Wintry showers.

Good, occasionally poor.

Channel Islands - (SWW)

24 hour forecast:

Northeast 3 to 4, increasing 4 to 5 by evening backing northeast to north 5 to 6 later.

Slight increasing moderate this evening, locally rather rough in the north and west later.

Mist and fog patches outbreaks of rain spreading from the south from late morning, becoming persistent by evening, perhaps locally heavy overnight.

Moderate to very poor.

Outlook for the following 24 hours:

Northeast to north 5 to 6, locally 7, decreasing 4 to 5 in the evening, and 3 to 4 later.

Moderate to rather rough, locally rough, decreasing slight to moderate overnight.

Rain and drizzle, locally heavy at first, perhaps clearing later.

Moderate to poor.

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