

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2010

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT DOVER WIGHT AND FAIR ISLE

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW DENMARK 983 EXPECTED SWEDEN 996 BY 1800 TOMORROW. LOW VIKING 990 LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 993 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

CYCLONIC OR NORTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE LATER. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

NORTH UTSIRE

MAINLY EASTERLY BACKING NORTHERLY 4 OR 5, VEERING SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT CYCLONIC OR NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 EXCEPT IN FORTH AND TYNE, DECREASING 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHERLY LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

HUMBER THAMES

WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, DECREASING 3 OR 4, BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

DOVER WIGHT

WEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY

WEST BACKING SOUTH 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

TRAFALGAR

EAST OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, BUT 5 TO 7 IN SOUTHEAST, BECOMING CYCLONIC LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, BUT 4 IN SOUTH FITZROY AT FIRST. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER IN WEST. RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, DECREASING 3 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

SHANNON SOUTH ROCKALL

SOUTHEASTERLY, VEERING WESTERLY FOR A TIME, 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, OCCASIONALLY GOOD

NORTH ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

EASTERLY 4 OR 5, VEERING SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, BECOMING CYCLONIC
LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SLEET. MODERATE OR GOOD
OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN FAIR ISLE, DECREASING
VARIABLE 4 IN FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY
SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR