

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON SATURDAY 05 JANUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT BISCAY AND TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW ROCKALL 968 EXPECTED FAEROES 970 BY 1800 SATURDAY. HIGH FINLAND 1058 EXPECTED RUSSIA 1049 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTHEAST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, OCCASIONALLY VIOLENT STORM 11 EXCEPT NORTH UTSIRE, LATER DECREASING 6 TO GALE 8. HIGH OR VERY HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING GOOD

FORTIES

SOUTHEAST GALE 8 TO STORM 10 VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 LATER. HIGH BECOMING ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5 OR 6. VERY ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN FISHER, VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH BECOMING ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST IN FISHER. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

SOUTHERLY 7 OR GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN THAMES, VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN WIGHT, VEERING NORTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE IN WIGHT. SHOWERS. GOOD

BISCAY

SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN WEST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR

WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. VERY ROUGH. FAIR. GOOD

FITZROY

WESTERLY, BECOMING CYCLONIC IN NORTH, 5 TO 7 INCREASING GALE 8 AT TIMES. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET

WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, OCCASIONAL RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA

WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. MAINLY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON

WESTERLY GALE 8 TO STORM 10 VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. HIGH OR

VERY HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING GOOD

ROCKALL

WEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10 VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. HIGH OR VERY HIGH. SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN

SOUTH VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING SEVERE GALE 9 OR STORM 10 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH. SHOWERS. GOOD BECOMING POOR FOR A TIME

HEBRIDES BAILEY

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTHEASTERLY GALE 8 TO STORM 10 DECREASING 5 TO 7, BECOMING CYCLONIC IN FAEROES LATER. HIGH OR VERY HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. POOR BECOMING GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 BECOMING CYCLONIC 4 OR 5 LATER. HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH LATER . RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD