

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON WEDNESDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES FISHER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH SOLE SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT  
LOW FORTIES 988 EXPECTED BALTIC SEA 1005 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.  
DEEPENING ATLANTIC LOW EXPECTED 100 MILES WEST OF BAILEY 980 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE  
CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BACKING WEST 4, THEN SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8 IN VIKING. VERY ROUGH BECOMING ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES  
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER  
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD

FISHER  
NORTHWESTERLY 6, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER  
NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7 DECREASING 4, LATER BACKING SOUTHERLY IN HUMBER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS THEN FAIR. GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH  
WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 4, LATER BACKING SOUTH 5 OR 6. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE EXCEPT PLYMOUTH. SHOWERS AT FIRST, OCCASIONAL RAIN IN PLYMOUTH LATER. GOOD

BISCAY SOUTHEAST FITZROY  
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN NORTH. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. FAIR. GOOD

NORTHWEST FITZROY SOLE  
SOUTHWESTERLY 4 BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN SOLE. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA  
NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 5 TO 7, DECREASING 3 FOR A TIME, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN IRISH SEA. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE FOR A TIME IN IRISH SEA. MAINLY FAIR, OCCASIONAL RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

SHANNON  
VARIABLE 4 BECOMING SOUTHEASTERLY THEN SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN  
NORTHWEST 6 OR 7 BACKING WEST 5 THEN SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES

WESTERLY OR NORTHWESTERLY 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN FAIR ISLE  
AND FAEROES, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY SEVERE GALE 9 OR PERHAPS STORM 10  
LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING HIGH LATER. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN  
LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

WEST 6 TO GALE 8 BACKING SOUTH 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC SEVERE GALE 9 OR  
PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING HIGH LATER .  
WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE