

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON THURSDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2009

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN CROMARTY FORTH TRAFALGAR FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW FORTIES 990 LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW SOLE 975 EXPECTED BISCAY 983 BY 1800 THURSDAY. NEW LOWS EXPECTED HUMBER 989 AND FAIR ISLE 990 BY SAME TIME. LOW JUST WEST OF TRAFALGAR 991 LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

MAINLY NORTHERLY 5 OR 6, BECOMING CYCLONIC 4. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

CYCLONIC 3 OR 4, BECOMING EAST OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FORTIES

CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, BECOMING VARIABLE 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

CROMARTY FORTH

MAINLY NORTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

TYNE DOGGER FISHER

SOUTHERLY BACKING EASTERLY, THEN NORTHERLY IN TYNE AND DOGGER, 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER

VARIABLE BECOMING EASTERLY THEN CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT

SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

EASTERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC OR NORTHERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN PLYMOUTH, DECREASING 4 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH. RAIN. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

BISCAY

SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE

TRAFALGAR

CYCLONIC BECOMING MAINLY NORTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SHOWERS. MODERATE

FITZROY SOLE

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

NORTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN SOUTH.
RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA

MAINLY NORTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5, INCREASING 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER.
SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

NORTHEASTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY WINTRY
SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

FAIR ISLE

CYCLONIC OR NORTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, INCREASING SEVERE
GALE 9 IN WEST. VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD,
OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD,
OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR. LIGHT ICING IN SOUTHEAST ICELAND