

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2010

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN FORTIES DOGGER AND GERMAN BIGHT

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW DENMARK 982 EXPECTED SWEDEN 1002 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. LOW VIKING 991 LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 991 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTHERLY 4 OR 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4, THEN SOUTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONAL 6 LATER. ROUGH DECREASING MODERATE. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

CYCLONIC OR NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST IN FORTIES, DOGGER AND GERMAN BIGHT, DECREASING 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHERLY LATER. ROUGH DECREASING MODERATE. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS, RAIN OR SNOW LATER. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

HUMBER

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

THAMES DOVER WIGHT

WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEAST 3 OR 4, VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 LATER. MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN. 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

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER, BUT 4 IN SOUTHEAST FITZROY AT FIRST. ROUGH. RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6, BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

IRISH SEA

NORTHEAST VEERING SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SNOW. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

SHANNON SOUTH ROCKALL

SOUTHEASTERLY, VEERING WESTERLY FOR A TIME, 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

NORTH ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

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

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY VEERING EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME IN FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SNOW SHOWERS.

GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR