

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

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN FITZROY SOLE BAILEY AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

ATLANTIC LOW MOVING EAST, EXPECTED FITZROY 1006 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW HIGH EXPECTED ENGLAND 1025 BY SAME TIME. DEVELOPING LOW MOVING NORTHEAST, EXPECTED 300 MILES SOUTH OF ICELAND 990 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

NORTH, BACKING WEST OR SOUTHWEST, 4 OR 5. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

VARIABLE 4, BECOMING NORTHERLY THEN BACKING SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY, 4 OR 5. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

NORTH, BACKING WEST OR SOUTHWEST, 5 OR 6, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER

MAINLY NORTH OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 AT FIRST. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

NORTH, VEERING EAST OR NORTHEAST, 5 OR 6, DECREASING 4 AT TIMES. VERY ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH AT FIRST, OTHERWISE SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH AT FIRST. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

BISCAY

WEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, DECREASING 3 OR 4 FOR A TIME. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, BECOMING MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FITZROY

CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOLE

EASTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN SOUTH AND WEST AT FIRST, AND DECREASING MAINLY 4 OR 5 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET

NORTHEAST, VEERING EAST OR SOUTHEAST, 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE. FAIR. GOOD

IRISH SEA

NORTH 4 OR 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 4, THEN SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. SMOOTH OR SLIGHT, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE AT FIRST. FAIR. GOOD

SHANNON

EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY, VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY IN NORTH, 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN SOUTH. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, BECOMING MODERATE OR ROUGH. FAIR. GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN

VARIABLE 4 BECOMING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN NORTHWEST ROCKALL. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, DECREASING MODERATE FOR A TIME. FAIR. GOOD

HEBRIDES

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, DECREASING MODERATE FOR A TIME. SHOWERS. GOOD

BAILEY

WEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, DECREASING MODERATE FOR A TIME. SHOWERS. GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

WESTERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN FAEROES. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, DECREASING MODERATE FOR A TIME. SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER