

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON WEDNESDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2009

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

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT
LOW FASTNET 985 LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW FITZROY 981 SLOW MOVING, DEEPENING 980 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. LOW 150 MILES WEST OF FITZROY 985 EXPECTED BISCAY 980 BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED SOUTH UTSIRE 990 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE
VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING NORTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8 IN VIKING. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE

SOUTH UTSIRE
SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7 VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN. MODERATE

FORTIES
CYCLONIC 4 OR 5 INCREASING 5 TO 7. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN. MODERATE

CROMARTY
NORTHEAST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN THEN WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER

FORTH TYNE DOGGER
WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, VEERING NORTH 6 OR 7 LATER IN FORTH. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 AT TIMES. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN AND SNOW. MODERATE

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER
VARIABLE BECOMING SOUTHEAST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 LATER IN THAMES AND DOVER. MAINLY SLIGHT. RAIN AND SNOW IN GERMAN BIGHT, OTHERWISE MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR IN GERMAN BIGHT

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN PLYMOUTH, BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 OR 6 LATER. MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY
SOUTH VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE BECOMING VERY ROUGH. RAIN. MODERATE

FITZROY
CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

SOLE
CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHEAST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

LUNDY FASTNET
CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHEAST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 FOR A TIME.

MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN FASTNET. SHOWERS.
MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA

SOUTHEAST BACKING NORTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 AT FIRST AND
LATER. MODERATE BECOMING SLIGHT. SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST
ICELAND

NORTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 AT TIMES, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE
9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. SQUALLY WINTRY
SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR. LIGHT ICING IN FAEROES AND
SOUTHEAST ICELAND