

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON FRIDAY 04 JANUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT TRAFALGAR FITZROY SOLE SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW FITZROY 988 LOSING ITS IDENTITY. HIGH SCANDINAVIA 1061 SLOW MOVING, DECLINING 1056 BY 1800 FRIDAY. ATLANTIC LOW 966 EXPECTED ROCKALL 969 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES  
SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10. VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY HIGH IN VIKING. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR POOR

CROMARTY FORTH  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE

TYNE DOGGER  
SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN TYNE BUT OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN DOGGER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE

FISHER  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE

GERMAN BIGHT  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE

HUMBER THAMES  
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
EAST, BUT CYCLONIC IN BISCAY, 4 OR 5 VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH AND BISCAY. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MAINLY MODERATE

TRAFALGAR  
NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 5 LATER. HIGH OR VERY HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FITZROY  
NORTHWEST, BACKING SOUTHWEST FOR A TIME, 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY HIGH IN SOUTH AT FIRST. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE  
NORTHEAST 5 VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA  
NORTHEAST 5 VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS, SOME WINTRY. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTHEAST, BECOMING CYCLONIC FOR A TIME, 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN SHANNON, ROCKALL AND BAILEY BUT PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN MALIN AND HEBRIDES. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN FAIR ISLE. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, INCREASING VERY HIGH IN EAST FAIR ISLE LATER. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EAST OR SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE