

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 03 DECEMBER 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN PLYMOUTH BISCAY TRAFALGAR FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES AND BAILEY

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW TYNE 996 EXPECTED DENMARK 994 BY 1800 WEDNESDAY. LOW SHANNON 996 MOVING STEADILY SOUTHEAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

VARIABLE 4 BUT NORTHERLY 5 OR 6 IN WEST VIKING AT FIRST. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

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

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

CYCLONIC BECOMING WEST 4 INCREASING 5 OR 6 FOR A TIME IN GERMAN BIGHT. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

WEST OR NORTHWEST VEERING NORTH 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 FOR A TIME, BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN OR SHOWERS THEN FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

PLYMOUTH

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTH, THEN BACKING SOUTHWEST LATER 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. RAIN THEN FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY

WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 DECREASING 4 OR 5 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. RAIN. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

TRAFALGAR

WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY SOLE

WEST OR NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHEAST, THEN BACKING SOUTH, 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN SOUTHWEST FASTNET. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

IRISH SEA

NORTH 4 OR 5 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 THEN BECOMING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, INCREASING ROUGH LATER. RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

SHANNON

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

NORTH 4 OR 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 3, THEN BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTH 5 OR 6 BECOMING VARIABLE 4 THEN EAST OR SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD