

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 02 JANUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER PLYMOUTH BISCAY TRAFALGAR FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET SHANNON ROCKALL BAILEY FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW 150 MILES WEST OF SHANNON 996 AND LOW 150 MILES WEST OF FITZROY 995 BOTH LOSING THEIR IDENTITY. ATLANTIC LOW 963 MOVING STEADILY EAST EXPECTED 450 MILES WEST OF SHANNON 975 BY 1800 WEDNESDAY. HIGH SCANDINAVIA 1057 SLOW MOVING AND INTENSIFYING 1059 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN SOUTH UTSIRE. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN SOUTH UTSIRE LATER. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN THEN WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER

SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN FISHER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

SOUTHEAST BACKING EAST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH LATER. MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR IN THAMES AND DOVER AT FIRST

PLYMOUTH BISCAY

SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR SOUTH FITZROY

WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

NORTH FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHEASTERLY, VEERING WESTERLY IN WEST, 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

IRISH SEA

SOUTHEAST 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

MALIN HEBRIDES

SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY

SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH.
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE
OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6, BUT VARIABLE 3 OR 4 IN WEST AT FIRST, INCREASING 6
OR 7 PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH . OCCASIONAL RAIN.
MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR