

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON SATURDAY 02 FEBRUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT DOVER WIGHT AND TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT  
NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 978 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW LOW EXPECTED SHANNON 978 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER WEST OR NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. SQUALLY, WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES  
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN FISHER, DECREASING 5 OR 6 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST IN FISHER AND GERMAN BIGHT. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

DOVER WIGHT  
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN LATER. MAINLY GOOD

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 5, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER IN PLYMOUTH AND BISCAY. SHOWERS, OCCASIONAL RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY SOLE  
NORTHWESTERLY 6 AT FIRST IN SOUTH FITZROY, OTHERWISE VARIABLE 4, BECOMING SOUTHWESTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER IN SOLE. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, INCREASING HIGH IN NORTH FITZROY AND SOLE. RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA  
WEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, INCREASING HIGH IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL  
MAINLY SOUTHWESTERLY, BECOMING CYCLONIC IN ROCKALL, 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

MALIN  
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

HEBRIDES  
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

BAILEY  
NORTHWEST 6, BECOMING CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE

NORTHWESTERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9  
LATER, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, DECREASING ROUGH  
FOR A TIME. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR. LIGHT ICING

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING NORTHEASTERLY 6, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9.  
VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR.  
MODERATE ICING