

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON FRIDAY 06 MARCH 2009

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN SOUTH UTSIRE FISHER BISCAY AND FAEROES

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW FAEROES 983, MOVING SLOWLY NORTHEAST, EXPECTED 987 BY 1800 FRIDAY. NEW LOW MOVING STEADILY EAST, EXPECTED HEBRIDES 987 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

SOUTH 5 OR 6. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE

SOUTHEAST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE NORTHEAST FORTIES

SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN SOUTH UTSIRE, BECOMING SOUTHERLY 4 LATER IN NORTHEAST FORTIES. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE. RAIN AT TIMES. MODERATE OR POOR

SOUTHWEST FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

WESTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES, BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN LATER, EXCEPT IN DOGGER. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE LATER

FISHER

EAST 6 TO GALE 8 VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE. RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES

NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN IN GERMAN BIGHT. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR IN GERMAN BIGHT

DOVER WIGHT

NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHWEST 3 OR 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS AT FIRST. GOOD

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

WESTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH AT FIRST IN PLYMOUTH. SHOWERS, RAIN OR DRIZZLE LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

BISCAY TRAFALGAR FITZROY SOLE

NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, BUT GALE 8 AT FIRST IN BISCAY. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST EXCEPT IN SOLE. RAIN OR DRIZZLE, BUT SHOWERS IN BISCAY. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

WESTERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES. SLIGHT OR MODERATE IN IRISH SEA, OTHERWISE MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH AT FIRST IN FASTNET. SHOWERS THEN RAIN OR DRIZZLE. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN

WEST 4, BACKING SOUTH 5 OR 6 THEN VEERING WEST 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR DRIZZLE. MODERATE OR POOR, OCCASIONALLY GOOD AT FIRST IN MALIN

HEBRIDES BAILEY

WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY ROUGH LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7. ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE LATER IN SOUTH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER

FAEROES

CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, BECOMING SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, BACKING SOUTHERLY 3 OR 4. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH AT FIRST. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER IN SOUTH. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR