

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON TUESDAY 05 JANUARY 2010

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

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW FORTIES 1003 EXPECTED GERMAN BIGHT 998 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. LOW JUST NORTH OF NORTH UTSIRE 1006 LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED WIGHT 996 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE

NORTHEASTERLY OR CYCLONIC 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 TO 7 FOR A TIME, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN VIKING. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE IN NORTH UTSIRE. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER

CYCLONIC AT TIMES IN SOUTH UTSIRE, DOGGER AND FISHER, OTHERWISE NORTHERLY OR NORTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 AT TIMES EXCEPT IN TYNE, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN FISHER. MODERATE OR ROUGH INCREASING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR, LIGHT ICING DEVELOPING IN SOUTH UTSIRE AND FISHER

GERMAN BIGHT

WEST OR SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7 AT TIMES, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, INCREASING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH IN NORTH AND WEST. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

WEST OR SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN HUMBER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, INCREASING MODERATE OR ROUGH IN HUMBER LATER. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

VARIABLE 3 OR 4 BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN PLYMOUTH, BECOMING NORTH OR NORTHWEST LATER IN PLYMOUTH. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SNOW. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

BISCAY FITZROY

NORTHEAST BACKING NORTH OR NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 AT FIRST IN SOUTHEAST FITZROY, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4 AT TIMES. MODERATE IN BISCAY, MODERATE OR ROUGH IN FITZROY, BUT INCREASING VERY ROUGH IN NORTHWEST LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SHOWERS, WINTRY IN NORTH LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST VEERING NORTH OR NORTHEAST, 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY 4 AT FIRST, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE INCREASING MODERATE OR ROUGH, BUT MODERATE OR ROUGH INCREASING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH IN SOLE. SLEET AND SNOW SHOWERS, RAIN FOR A TIME. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES

NORTH OR NORTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5 AT TIMES, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN HEBRIDES, FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, INCREASING HIGH FOR A TIME. SQUALLY SLEET AND SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT
FIRST IN EAST. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH DECREASING MODERATE OR ROUGH.
OCCASIONAL SNOW. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR