

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 ON FRIDAY 04 JANUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT BISCAY

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0600

ATLANTIC LOW 350 MILES WEST OF BAILEY 961 EXPECTED BAILEY 964 BY 0600 TOMORROW

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES

SOUTHEASTERLY GALE 8 TO STORM 10, OCCASIONALLY VIOLENT STORM 11 IN VIKING AND SOUTH UTSIRE. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY HIGH IN VIKING. RAIN OR SLEET. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN CROMARTY, VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN CROMARTY. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN FISHER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN FISHER. RAIN OR SLEET. MODERATE

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

SOUTH VEERING WEST OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY SOUTH FITZROY

WESTERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

NORTH FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWESTERLY VEERING WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN SOLE, DECREASING 4 OR 5 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTH VEERING WEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING HIGH IN FASTNET. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON

WEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, DECREASING 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH OR VERY HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

ROCKALL

CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BECOMING WEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, INCREASING VERY HIGH FOR A TIME. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

MALIN

SOUTHEAST VEERING WEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

HEBRIDES

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY

SOUTHEAST BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR

SHOWERS. MODERATE

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10  
IN FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, BECOMING VERY HIGH IN  
FAIR ISLE AND FAEROES. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR