

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 2315 UTC ON FRIDAY 02 APRIL 2010 FOR THE PERIOD 0000 UTC SATURDAY 03 APRIL TO 0000 UTC SUNDAY 04 APRIL 2010

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES PLYMOUTH BISCAY FITZROY SOLE SHANNON AND ROCKALL

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW SHANNON 988 EXPECTED PORTLAND 994 BY 1800 SATURDAY. NEW LOW EXPECTED SOUTHEAST ICELAND 1000 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE NORTHEAST FORTIES
SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH.
RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTHWEST FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER
EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 4 OR 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER
SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, BACKING EAST 5 TO 7. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT
SOUTHEASTERLY 5 OR 6, DECREASING 3 OR 4 IN SOUTHWEST. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. OCCASIONAL RAIN, FOG PATCHES LATER. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR LATER

HUMBER THAMES
SOUTH BACKING SOUTHEAST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

DOVER WIGHT
SOUTH, BECOMING CYCLONIC LATER, 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
SOUTH VEERING NORTHWEST, BUT CYCLONIC FOR A TIME, 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 FOR A TIME IN PLYMOUTH. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BUT HIGH FOR A TIME IN PLYMOUTH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

BISCAY
SOUTHWEST, VEERING NORTHWEST LATER, 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING SEVERE GALE 9 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BUT HIGH FOR A TIME. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR
NORTHWEST VEERING NORTH 5 OR 6, DECREASING 4 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BUT VERY ROUGH IN NORTH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY SOLE
WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 6 LATER IN WEST. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, BUT VERY HIGH FOR A TIME IN WEST FITZROY. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET
CYCLONIC, BECOMING NORTHWEST, 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 IN FASTNET. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST IN FASTNET. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

IRISH SEA

VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN FAR SOUTH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

SHANNON ROCKALL

NORTH BACKING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN SHANNON, DECREASING 4 OR 5 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BUT HIGH FOR A TIME IN SOUTH SHANNON. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES

NORTHEAST BACKING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 AT FIRST IN MALIN, DECREASING 4 LATER IN HEBRIDES. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY

WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, DECREASING 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

EAST FAIR ISLE

SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

WEST FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD