

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES FISHER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY FITZROY LUNDY FASTNET SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800  
LOW IRELAND 991 LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW FORTIES 984 EXPECTED SWEDEN 998 BY 1800 WEDNESDAY. DEVELOPING ATLANTIC LOW EXPECTED 200 MILES WEST OF ROCKALL 990 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE  
SOUTHEAST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER EXCEPT VIKING, DECREASING 5 OR 6. VERY ROUGH BECOMING ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES  
NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN NORTH, BACKING WEST 4 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE  
NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN CROMARTY, BACKING SOUTH 4 OR 5. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN CROMARTY. SHOWERS. GOOD

DOGGER  
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, BACKING WEST 4 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER  
SOUTHWESTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, INCREASING GALE 8 OR PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN NORTHEAST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER  
SOUTHWESTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, LATER DECREASING 4 IN HUMBER. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE IN HUMBER. SHOWERS THEN FAIR. GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
SOUTHWESTERLY VEERING WESTERLY OR NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 4, LATER BACKING SOUTHERLY 5 IN PORTLAND, PLYMOUTH AND BISCAY. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE EXCEPT PLYMOUTH AND BISCAY. SHOWERS THEN FAIR. GOOD

TRAFALGAR  
VARIABLE BECOMING SOUTHEASTERLY 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 IN SOUTHEAST LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. FAIR. GOOD

FITZROY SOLE  
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET  
NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 3 OR 4, BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH. SHOWERS AT FIRST, OCCASIONAL RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 5 TO 7 DECREASING 4, BUT INCREASING GALE 8 OR PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

WEST OR NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN HEBRIDES AND BAILEY. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER . WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE