

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON SUNDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW 100 MILES WEST OF ROCKALL 973 EXPECTED 60 MILES WEST OF ROCKALL 965 BY 1800 SUNDAY. NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 969 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH INCREASING VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN AND SNOW. MODERATE OR POOR

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

SOUTH 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN PLYMOUTH, VEERING WEST 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

BISCAY

SOUTH VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING SEVERE GALE 9 OR STORM 10 FOR A TIME. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

TRAFALGAR

SOUTHWESTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, INCREASING GALE 8 IN NORTH FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN NORTH. SHOWERS. MODERATE

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTH GALE 8 TO STORM 10, VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, INCREASING VERY HIGH FOR A TIME. RAIN THEN WINTRY SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTH 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10, VEERING WEST 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY HIGH IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR BECOMING GOOD

SHANNON

SOUTHWEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10 VEERING WEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8 LATER. HIGH OR VERY HIGH DECREASING VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN WINTRY SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

ROCKALL MALIN

SOUTHWEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, VEERING WEST 5 OR 6, THEN BECOMING CYCLONIC GALE 8 TO STORM 10 IN ROCKALL LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

HEBRIDES BAILEY

CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN BAILEY,

BECOMING SOUTH 5 OR 6 IN HEBRIDES. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

FAIR ISLE

EAST OR SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN, OCCASIONAL SNOW AT FIRST. MODERATE OR POOR

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EAST BECOMING CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER IN SOUTHEAST ICELAND. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR