

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 02 JULY 2008

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1900

LOW 80 MILES WEST OF BAILEY 980, EXPECTED 270 MILES WEST OF BAILEY 986 BY 1900 WEDNESDAY. LOW WEST ROCKALL 990 MOVING STEADILY NORTH AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, DECREASING 3 OR 4 LATER. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. RAIN AT TIMES, WITH FOG PATCHES LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR LATER

FISHER EAST GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, BACKING EAST LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

WEST GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, VEERING NORTHWEST 3 OR 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

EAST OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN HUMBER, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. THUNDERY SHOWERS WITH FOG PATCHES AT TIMES. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

WIGHT

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 2 OR 3 INCREASING 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. THUNDERY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

SOUTHWEST 5, DECREASING 3 OR 4. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH IN PLYMOUTH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. GOOD

BISCAY

WEST 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH. THUNDERY SHOWERS. GOOD

TRAFALGAR

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 OR 7, DECREASING 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, DECREASING 3 OR 4, LATER VEERING WEST IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN FASTNET. SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, VEERING WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES

SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 FOR A TIME, LATER VEERING SOUTH 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

BAILEY

SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, BECOMING CYCLONIC GALE 8 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR, BECOMING GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR