

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

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT WIGHT PORTLAND AND TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW SKAGERRAK 963 MOVING AWAY STEADILY EAST. NEW LOW EXPECTED 200 MILES NORTHEAST OF FAEROES 977 BY 1800 SATURDAY. NEW LOW EXPECTED ROCKALL 971 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTHERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, BUT SEVERE GALE 9 OR STORM 10 AT FIRST. HIGH, DECREASING VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, DECREASING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN FISHER, DECREASING 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN FISHER AND GERMAN BIGHT. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

DOVER

WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND

WESTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

PLYMOUTH BISCAY

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

TRAFALGAR

NORTHERLY 6 AT FIRST IN NORTH, OTHERWISE VARIABLE 4. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BUT MODERATE IN SOUTHEAST. SHOWERS. GOOD

FITZROY SOLE

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN SOLE. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN. MODERATE

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN FASTNET, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

ROCKALL

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE

9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

MALIN HEBRIDES

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY POOR

BAILEY

NORTHERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR

FAIR ISLE

NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, DECREASING ROUGH FOR A TIME. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR. LIGHT ICING

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHWESTERLY 6, INCREASING GALE 8 TO STORM 10. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR. MODERATE ICING