

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON TUESDAY 02 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW BALTIC SEA 973 MOVING AWAY STEADILY EAST. LOW JUST WEST OF BAILEY 989 MOVING STEADILY EAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. HIGH FITZROY 1041 EXPECTED BISCAY 1041 BY 1800 TUESDAY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 OR 5 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN NORTHEAST FORTIES. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN FAIR. GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE LATER EXCEPT IN PORTLAND. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN FAIR. GOOD

PLYMOUTH NORTH BISCAY

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTH BISCAY

NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

TRAFALGAR SOUTH FITZROY

VARIABLE 3 BECOMING SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. FAIR. GOOD

NORTH FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 4, BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE IN IRISH SEA LATER. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON

WEST BACKING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME. HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN

NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10, BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7 LATER. HIGH OR VERY HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

HEBRIDES BAILEY

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 OR SEVERE
GALE 9 IN SOUTH. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN.
MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS
THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD