

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET.OFFICE
AT 0505 ON FRIDAY 02 JANUARY 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE
FORTIES WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BAILEY FAIR ISLE

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT
LOW THAMES 1007 MOVING STEADILY SOUTH AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY
MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 1004 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING
SOUTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 FOR A TIME IN
NORTHWEST. RAIN. MODERATE

NORTH UTSIRE
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. RAIN. MODERATE

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST.
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH
NORTH OR NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 OR 6 DECREASING 3 FOR A TIME.
RAIN. MODERATE

TYNE
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. OCCASIONAL
RAIN. MODERATE

DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES
EAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

DOVER
NORTHEAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 DECREASING 3. OCCASIONAL RAIN.
MODERATE

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
NORTHWEST VEERING NORTHEAST 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST,
DECREASING 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY
NORTHWESTERLY 6 OR 7 BECOMING VARIABLE 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

FITZROY
WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 DECREASING 4 FOR A
TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

SHANNON
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

ROCKALL
SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 OR 7 FOR A
TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

MALIN HEBRIDES
NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHERLY FOR A TIME, 6 OR 7, PERHAPS

GALE 8 LATER. RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

BAILEY

SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8
FOR A TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

FAIR ISLE

MAINLY NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 7, BUT
SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8 IN EXTREME EAST AT FIRST. OCCASIONAL RAIN.
MODERATE

FAEROES

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6 DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. RAIN.
MODERATE

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

VARIABLE 4 BECOMING SOUTHEASTERLY 5. RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE