

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON WEDNESDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES FISHER BISCAY FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET SHANNON ROCKALL AND MALIN

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW FISHER 994 MOVING SLOWLY SOUTHWARDS AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW BISCAY 991 MOVING STEADILY EASTWARDS AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW 450 MILES WEST OF FITZROY 984 EXPECTED 130 MILES WEST OF ROCKALL 968 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE

VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BUT SOUTHEASTERLY 5 IN SOUTH VIKING LATER. MAINLY MODERATE. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE SOUTHEAST FORTIES

NORTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, VEERING EAST 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTHWEST FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE

NORTHERLY VEERING EASTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

DOGGER

NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, VEERING EAST 4 OR 5. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER

NORTHEAST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT

CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MAINLY MODERATE. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

NORTHWEST 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 4, BECOMING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN HUMBER AT FIRST. WINTRY SHOWERS, RAIN OR SLEET LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

EAST 4 OR 5, VEERING SOUTHEAST THEN WEST 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. RAIN OR SLEET LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

BISCAY FITZROY

WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY FOR A TIME 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, BECOMING VARIABLE 4 IN FAR SOUTH FITZROY. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST IN BISCAY. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET

SOUTHEAST VEERING WEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SLEET. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

IRISH SEA

NORTHEAST 3, VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. SMOOTH OR SLIGHT BECOMING MODERATE OR ROUGH. SLEET OR SNOW LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 7 OR GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9.
ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7 OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN MALIN,
PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN BAILEY AND HEBRIDES. MODERATE OR ROUGH,
OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHEAST VEERING EAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH.
SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD