

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET.OFFICE
AT 0505 ON THURSDAY 01 JANUARY 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT
LOW WEST FAEROES 977 MOVING AWAY SLOWLY NORTHEAST, LOSING ITS
IDENTITY. NEW LOW EXPECTED FAIR ISLE 1004 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW
LOW EXPECTED THAMES 1003 BY SAME TIME WITH ASSOCIATED FRONTAL TROUGH
FAIR ISLE TO NORTHEAST FRANCE

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING
SOUTHEAST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, OCCASIONALLY VIOLENT STORM 11. RAIN.
MODERATE OR POOR

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE
SOUTHEASTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9. SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES
SOUTHEASTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST.
RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE
SOUTH BECOMING CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 4 OR 5
LATER. RAIN. MODERATE

DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT
SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN
DOGGER AND FISHER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER
SOUTH BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN NORTHEAST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8.
RAIN. MODERATE

WIGHT PORTLAND
SOUTH VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE
BECOMING GOOD

PLYMOUTH
NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. SHOWERS. GOOD

BISCAY
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE
OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

FITZROY
NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN NORTH AT FIRST. RAIN
CLEARING SOUTH. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 IN IRISH SEA,
DECREASING 5 IN WEST SOLE LATER. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON
NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, BECOMING VARIABLE 4. OCCASIONAL DRIZZLE.
MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY
NORTHWESTERLY GALE 8 TO STORM 10, DECREASING 5 TO 7, BECOMING
VARIABLE 4 IN ROCKALL AND BAILEY LATER. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS.
MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE

CYCLONIC 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10. RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

FAEROES

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHWESTERLY GALE 8 OR SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10, DECREASING 5 TO 7, BECOMING VARIABLE 4 IN WEST LATER. RAIN OR SNOW. MODERATE OR POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST, BECOMING VARIABLE 4 LATER. OCCASIONAL SNOW. MODERATE OR POOR