

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2007

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

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW FISHER 996 EXPECTED GERMAN BIGHT 996 BY 1800 WEDNESDAY. LOW FITZROY 993 MOVING STEADILY EASTWARDS AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. NEW LOW EXPECTED 130 MILES WEST OF SHANNON 973 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE

VARIABLE 3 OR 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE SOUTHEAST FORTIES

NORTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, VEERING EAST 5 OR 6 LATER. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH AT FIRST. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTHWEST FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE

NORTHERLY VEERING EASTERLY 4 OR 5. MODERATE OR ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

DOGGER

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

FISHER

CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, BECOMING EAST 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH AT FIRST. SHOWERS. GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT

CYCLONIC 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER

NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN HUMBER, BECOMING VARIABLE 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN HUMBER. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND

EAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN PORTLAND. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN PORTLAND. RAIN OR SLEET LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

PLYMOUTH

EASTERLY 5 OR 6, VEERING SOUTHEASTERLY THEN VEERING WESTERLY 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SLEET. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

BISCAY

CYCLONIC BECOMING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, BACKING SOUTHEAST FOR A TIME LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR

SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONAL 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY WEST SOLE

WEST BACKING SOUTHEAST FOR A TIME 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

EAST SOLE

EAST VEERING WEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY

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

FASTNET

EAST VEERING WEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA

EAST 4, VEERING SOUTHEAST 6 OR 7. SMOOTH OR SLIGHT BECOMING MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY ROUGH IN SOUTH LATER. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHEAST VEERING WEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

EAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN MALIN. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHEAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD