

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

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN FORTIES DOGGER HUMBER THAMES PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAV FITZROY AND SOLE

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

LOW GERMAN BIGHT 980 EXPECTED BALTIC SEA 989 BY 1800 FRIDAY. ATLANTIC LOW 999 EXPECTED PLYMOUTH 992 BY SAME TIME. LOW FITZROY 1003 MOVING RATHER QUICKLY EAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. LOW SOUTH UTSIRE 982 LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTH VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

DOGGER

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEAST LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, BECOMING VARIABLE 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES

NORTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

DOVER WIGHT

NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

BISCAV

SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR

SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FITZROY

SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE

SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8 FOR A TIME, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET

SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 OR 7 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA SHANNON

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, MODERATE IN IRISH SEA. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7 FOR A TIME. ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

NORTH VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 OR 7. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD