

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 ON THURSDAY 02 APRIL 2009

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN SHANNON ROCKALL BAILEY AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0700

LOW 150 MILES NORTH OF SOUTHEAST ICELAND 1002, LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY 0700 TOMORROW. NEW HIGH EXPECTED SOUTH BISCAY 1020 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 OR 6 IN VIKING, CROMARTY, WEST FORTIES AND FORTH. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. FOG BANKS, EXCEPT IN VIKING. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT
EASTERLY 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY 5 IN SOUTH GERMAN BIGHT, BECOMING VARIABLE IN FISHER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. FOG BANKS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
NORTHEAST BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4, OCCASIONALLY 5 AT FIRST EXCEPT IN PORTLAND AND PLYMOUTH. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. FOG BANKS IN HUMBER AND THAMES. MODERATE OR POOR, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR IN HUMBER AND THAMES

BISCAY EAST FITZROY
NORTHERLY BACKING WESTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY SLIGHT IN BISCAY. MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

WEST FITZROY SOLE
SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 4 IN WEST FITZROY, VEERING WESTERLY 4 OR 5 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
SOUTHERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 AT TIMES. SLIGHT, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE IN LUNDY AND FASTNET. MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN
SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN SHANNON AND ROCKALL, VEERING SOUTHWEST LATER IN SHANNON. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN SHANNON AND ROCKALL. RAIN FOR A TIME, MAINLY FAIR LATER IN SHANNON AND ROCKALL. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

HEBRIDES
SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 IN WEST. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN WEST. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

BAILEY
SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE
SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 AT TIMES. MODERATE OR ROUGH. MAINLY FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR LATER

FAEROES
SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 AT TIMES. ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN WEST. RAIN AT TIMES. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

EASTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING SOUTHERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE
8 IN WEST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD,
OCCASIONALLY POOR