

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON TUESDAY 06 MARCH 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW BAILEY 956 EXPECTED SOUTH ICELAND 962 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW LOW MOVING RAPIDLY EAST EXPECTED SOLE 985 BY SAME TIME. LOW 180 MILES WEST OF ROCKALL 961 MOVING STEADILY NORTHEAST THROUGH FAEROES, LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, VEERING SOUTH 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6. VERY ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

DOVER WIGHT

SOUTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST, DECREASING 5 OR 6. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING MODERATE. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY

SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 OR SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN PLYMOUTH AND BISCAY. SQUALLY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE LATER

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC, 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHWEST, BECOMING CYCLONIC AT TIMES IN FASTNET, 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS, RAIN LATER IN SOUTH. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE LATER

SHANNON

SOUTHWEST BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. HIGH OR VERY HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN

SOUTHWEST, CYCLONIC AT FIRST IN ROCKALL, GALE 8 TO STORM 10, DECREASING 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTHWEST, BECOMING CYCLONIC FOR A TIME, 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 TO 7 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 FOR A

TIME. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH.
RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD