

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON TUESDAY 02 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW BAILEY 995 MOVING STEADILY EAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. HIGH FITZROY 1042 EXPECTED IBERIA 1039 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. LOW 980 EXPECTED 230 MILES WEST OF BAILEY BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8 BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

NORTHWEST BACKING WEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN PLYMOUTH. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE EXCEPT IN PORTLAND AND PLYMOUTH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY FITZROY

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST, BUT VARIABLE 4 IN SOUTH. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN

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

HEBRIDES BAILEY

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD