

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 ON MONDAY 01 JANUARY 2007

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

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0600

LOW SOUTH UTSIRE 971 EXPECTED SOUTH FINLAND 974 BY 0600 TOMORROW. LOW 270 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ICELAND 980 MOVING STEADILY EAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. HIGH IBERIA 1042 SLOW MOVING WITH LITTLE CHANGE

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE

WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES

WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST, DECREASING 6 TO GALE 8 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH LATER. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN DOGGER. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

WEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, DECREASING 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN THAMES, DOVER AND WIGHT. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

PLYMOUTH NORTH BISCAY

WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTH BISCAY SOUTH FITZROY

WEST 5 TO 7 DECREASING 3 OR 4 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTH FITZROY SOLE

WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET

WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH TO HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

IRISH SEA

WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8 INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON

WEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 LATER. HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 IN ROCKALL, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH TO VERY HIGH. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD

FAIR ISLE

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

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. SQUALLY SHOWERS. GOOD