

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 UTC ON THURSDAY 02 APRIL 2020 FOR THE PERIOD 1200 UTC THURSDAY 02 APRIL TO 1200 UTC FRIDAY 03 APRIL 2020

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HEBRIDES FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0600
LOW NORWEGIAN BASIN 970 MOVING RAPIDLY SOUTHEAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES
WESTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 TO 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH LATER. SQUALLY SLEET AND SNOW SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

CROMARTY FORTH
NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN CROMARTY, BACKING WEST 4 TO 6. VERY ROUGH AT FIRST IN NORTHEAST CROMARTY, OTHERWISE MODERATE OR ROUGH. SQUALLY WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

TYNE DOGGER
NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST IN DOGGER, BACKING WEST 4 OR 5 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING VERY ROUGH FOR A TIME IN NORTH DOGGER. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

FISHER
WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10 AT FIRST, DECREASING 6 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BECOMING HIGH FOR A TIME. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST IN GERMAN BIGHT. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING VERY ROUGH FOR A TIME IN GERMAN BIGHT. SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

THAMES DOVER
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST, 4 TO 6, OCCASIONALLY 3 LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
WEST OR NORTHWEST 3 TO 5, BECOMING VARIABLE 2 TO 4 LATER. SMOOTH OR SLIGHT, BECOMING SLIGHT OR MODERATE IN PLYMOUTH. SHOWERS. GOOD

BISCAY FITZROY
NORTH OR NORTHEAST, VEERING EAST LATER, 3 TO 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 IN FITZROY. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH LATER IN NORTHWEST FITZROY. SHOWERS. GOOD

SOLE
NORTH BECOMING VARIABLE, 2 TO 4. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH LATER IN WEST. SHOWERS. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 AT FIRST, DECREASING 3 AT TIMES LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE. SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

SHANNON
NORTHWEST 4 TO 6 BACKING WEST 2 TO 4. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD, OCCASIONALLY MODERATE

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY
NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST IN HEBRIDES, BACKING WEST 3 TO 5

LATER, BECOMING CYCLONIC LATER IN HEBRIDES AND BAILEY. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SQUALLY SLEET AND SNOW SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR

FAIR ISLE

NORTHWEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10 DECREASING 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY 4 LATER. HIGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH, THEN ROUGH LATER. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. MODERATE TO VERY POOR, OCCASIONALLY GOOD LATER

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY OR NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 TO 6. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH, BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH LATER. SQUALLY SNOW SHOWERS. MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY VERY POOR