

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET.OFFICE
AT 0015 ON SATURDAY 03 JANUARY 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE HEBRIDES BAILEY
FAEROES

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800
HIGH 200 MILES WEST OF TRAFALGAR 1034 SLOW MOVING AND DECLINING
1029 BY 1800 ON SATURDAY. NEW LOW EXPECTED VIKING 1002 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING
SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE
GALE 9 AT FIRST. RAIN. MODERATE

NORTH UTSIRE
SOUTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BECOMING CYCLONIC 6. RAIN. MODERATE

SOUTH UTSIRE
SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. RAIN. MODERATE

FORTIES
SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 6 OR 7 PERHAPS GALE 8 FOR A TIME
LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER
SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD
BECOMING MODERATE

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 4 INCREASING 6 OR 7. RAIN AND SNOW LATER.
GOOD BECOMING POOR

HUMBER THAMES
SOUTHEAST VEERING WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER.
RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND
NORTHEASTERLY VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY 3 OR 4 INCREASING 5. OCCASIONAL
RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

PLYMOUTH
SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 3 OR 4 INCREASING 5 FOR A TIME.
RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY
NORTHERLY 5 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

TRAFALGAR
NORTHEASTERLY 5 OR 6. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

FITZROY SOLE
WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 AT FIRST.
RAIN AT FIRST. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

SHANNON
NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE
OR GOOD

ROCKALL

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 IN WEST.
OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

MALIN

SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 4. RAIN AT FIRST.
MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

HEBRIDES

SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 4. RAIN AT
FIRST. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

BAILEY

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 5. RAIN
LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

FAIR ISLE

SOUTHERLY VEERING NORTHERLY 5 OR 6 INCREASING 7 PERHAPS GALE 8
FOR A TIME LATER. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

FAEROES

SOUTHEASTERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN VARIABLE, 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY
7 OR GALE 8 IN SOUTH, DECREASING 4. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE
BECOMING GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

CYCLONIC 6 OR 7 BECOMING SOUTHERLY 5. RAIN AT TIMES. MODERATE OR
GOOD