

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON WEDNESDAY 03 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW 230 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ICELAND 977 EXPECTED 150 MILES NORTHEAST OF FAEROES 969 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. HIGH IBERIA 1043 DECLINING

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE

WEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN FORTIES AND DOGGER. OCCASIONAL RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON

SOUTH VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. RAIN OR SQUALLY

SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD