

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET.OFFICE  
AT 0505 ON FRIDAY 02 JANUARY 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE  
FORTIES WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BAILEY FAIR ISLE

THE GENERAL SITUATION AT MIDNIGHT  
LOW THAMES 1007 MOVING STEADILY SOUTH AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY  
MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW LOW EXPECTED BAILEY 1004 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING  
SOUTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 FOR A TIME IN  
NORTHWEST. RAIN. MODERATE

NORTH UTSIRE  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. RAIN. MODERATE

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES  
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH  
NORTH OR NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 OR 6 DECREASING 3 FOR A TIME.  
RAIN. MODERATE

TYNE  
SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTH 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. OCCASIONAL  
RAIN. MODERATE

DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES  
EAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

DOVER  
NORTHEAST VEERING SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 DECREASING 3. OCCASIONAL RAIN.  
MODERATE

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH  
NORTHWEST VEERING NORTHEAST 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST,  
DECREASING 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY  
NORTHWESTERLY 6 OR 7 BECOMING VARIABLE 4. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

FITZROY  
WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA  
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 DECREASING 4 FOR A  
TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

SHANNON  
SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

ROCKALL  
SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 OR 7 FOR A  
TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

MALIN HEBRIDES  
NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHERLY FOR A TIME, 6 OR 7, PERHAPS

GALE 8 LATER. RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

BAILEY

SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8  
FOR A TIME. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

FAIR ISLE

MAINLY NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5 INCREASING 7, BUT  
SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8 IN EXTREME EAST AT FIRST. OCCASIONAL RAIN.  
MODERATE

FAEROES

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 5 OR 6 DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. RAIN.  
MODERATE

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

VARIABLE 4 BECOMING SOUTHEASTERLY 5. RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE