

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON SATURDAY 04 MARCH 2006

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING FORTIES CROMARTY BISCAY TRAFALGAR FITZROY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW DOGGER 993 EXPECTED KATTEGAT 992 BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NEW LOW EXPECTED VIKING 989 BY SAME TIME. LOW FITZROY 994 MOVING EAST AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY. COMPLEX LOW CENTRES 100 AND 300 MILES WEST OF FITZROY 992 MOVING QUICKLY EAST AND SOUTHEAST INTO EUROPE

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

NORTH OR NORTHEAST 4 OR 5 BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 TO 7, BUT NORTHWESTERLY GALE 8 IN WEST. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

FORTIES CROMARTY

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

FORTH TYNE DOGGER

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

CYCLONIC 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

HUMBER THAMES

WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY 4 AT FIRST. WINTRY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 3 AT FIRST. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

PLYMOUTH

NORTHEAST BACKING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 4 AT FIRST. WINTRY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

BISCAY FITZROY

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTH OR NORTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 OR 6 LATER IN NORTH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD, OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOLE

NORTHEAST 5 TO 7 BACKING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6. SHOWERS. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA SHANNON

NORTH OR NORTHEAST 4 OR 5 BACKING NORTHWEST 5 OR 6. WINTRY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

ROCKALL MALIN

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 4 AT FIRST. WINTRY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

HEBRIDES BAILEY

NORTH OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY 4 AT FIRST. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

NORTH 6 TO GALE 8, BUT 4 OR 5 AT FIRST IN FAIR ISLE. SNOW SHOWERS.
GOOD OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTH 6 TO GALE 8, BUT 4 OR 5 IN WEST. SNOW SHOWERS. GOOD
OCCASIONALLY POOR