

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON SUNDAY 07 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA SHANNON BAILEY FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW JUST SOUTH OF ICELAND 970, EXPECTED 400 MILES NORTH OF FAEROES 966, BY MIDNIGHT MONDAY. LOW 400 MILES WEST OF SOLE 1001, EXPECTED NORTHEAST ENGLAND 985 BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED 150 MILES SOUTH OF ICELAND 971, BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES  
SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5, LATER BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 OR 7. ROUGH OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

CROMARTY FORTH  
SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, BECOMING CYCLONIC FOR A TIME LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING SLIGHT. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER  
SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME, VEERING NORTHWESTERLY IN TYNE LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND  
SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 OR GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING VERY ROUGH IN PORTLAND. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5 OR 6. ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FITZROY SOLE  
SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA SHANNON  
SOUTHWEST, VEERING NORTHWEST FOR A TIME, 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 DECREASING 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, BUT LOCALLY MODERATE IN IRISH SEA. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES  
WEST OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 IN ROCKALL AND HEBRIDES. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY FAIR ISLE SOUTH FAEROES  
WESTERLY OR SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN BAILEY AND SOUTH FAEROES. VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN BAILEY. SQUALLY SHOWERS. MAINLY GOOD

NORTH FAEROES  
SOUTHWEST 6 OR 7 BECOMING VARIABLE 4. VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND  
CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, BECOMING VARIABLE 4 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR WINTRY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD