

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON WEDNESDAY 03 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

ATLANTIC LOW 983 MOVING STEADILY NORTHEAST EXPECTED 50 MILES NORTH OF FAEROES 967 BY 1800 TOMORROW. HIGH IBERIA 1042 EXPECTED TRAFALGAR 1035 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

WEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE

NORTHWEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTH 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

WEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN FORTIES AND DOGGER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN FORTIES AND DOGGER LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

NORTHWEST 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 AT FIRST IN FISHER, BACKING SOUTHWEST 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 NORTHWEST 4 OR 5 BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH IN PORTLAND AND PLYMOUTH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY

WEST 2 OR 3 BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR

EAST OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 BECOMING VARIABLE 3 OR 4. MODERATE OR ROUGH. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

FITZROY

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

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

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

FAIR ISLE

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6 BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST BECOMING CYCLONIC 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN SOUTHEAST ICELAND. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH LATER. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD