

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON SUNDAY 04 MARCH 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT THAMES AND DOVER

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT

LOW 160 MILES WEST OF SOLE 974 EXPECTED WEST BAILEY 954 BY MIDNIGHT TOMORROW

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHEASTERLY 7 OR GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, BECOMING VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

SOUTHWEST 4 BACKING SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER, THEN VEERING SOUTHWEST 6. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

SOUTHWEST BACKING SOUTHEAST 4, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE OR ROUGH. RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

HUMBER

SOUTHWEST 4 BACKING SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER, THEN VEERING SOUTHWEST 6. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH. RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

THAMES DOVER

SOUTH 4 BACKING SOUTHEAST 6 OR 7, VEERING SOUTHWEST LATER. SLIGHT OR MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH. RAIN LATER. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

WIGHT

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8 FOR A TIME. MODERATE BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, INCREASING GALE 8 OR SEVERE GALE 9 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST VEERING WEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, OCCASIONALLY STORM 10, LATER DECREASING 6 OR 7. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHEASTERLY VEERING SOUTHWESTERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, DECREASING 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH BECOMING HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR POOR, BECOMING GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, OCCASIONALLY HURRICANE FORCE 12, LATER DECREASING 6 OR 7 IN SHANNON. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH BECOMING VERY HIGH. RAIN THEN SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

MALIN

SOUTHEAST VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, INCREASING STORM 10 OR VIOLENT STORM 11 FOR A TIME. VERY ROUGH BECOMING VERY HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTH 5 BACKING SOUTHEAST GALE 8 TO STORM 10, VEERING SOUTHWEST
LATER. ROUGH BECOMING VERY HIGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE
OCCASIONALLY POOR

FAIR ISLE FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHWEST 4 BACKING SOUTHEAST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10
LATER. ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER.
MODERATE OR GOOD