

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET.OFFICE  
AT 0015 ON FRIDAY 02 JANUARY 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE  
FORTIES DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
LUNDY IRISH SEA FAIR ISLE

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800  
LOW HUMBER 1003 MOVING STEADILY SOUTH AND LOSING ITS IDENTITY BY  
1800 FRIDAY. LOW 120 MILES NORTH OF FAIR ISLE 999 MOVING STEADILY  
NORTH AND DEEPENING 996 BY SAME TIME. NEW LOW EXPECTED SOUTHEAST  
ICELAND 1002 BY THAT TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING  
SOUTHEASTERLY GALE 8 TO STORM 10, DECREASING 6 IN SOUTH. RAIN.  
MODERATE OR POOR

NORTH UTSIRE  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE

SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES  
SOUTHEASTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 5 OR 6. RAIN AND SNOW.  
MODERATE

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

TYNE  
NORTHERLY VEERING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR  
GOOD

DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT  
EAST OR SOUTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 5. RAIN OR SNOW. MODERATE  
OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER  
CYCLONIC BECOMING EAST OR NORTHEAST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN AND SNOW. MODERATE OR GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH BISCAY  
NORTHWEST VEERING NORTHEAST 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 5. SHOWERS. GOOD

TRAFALGAR  
NORTHERLY 5 TO 7. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

FITZROY  
NORTHWESTERLY 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD

SOLE  
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6. RAIN LATER. GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA  
NORTHWEST VEERING SOUTHWEST 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 IN LUNDY  
AND IRISH SEA, DECREASING 5. SHOWERS. GOOD

SHANNON  
NORTHWEST BACKING WEST OR SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5. OCCASIONAL RAIN. GOOD  
BECOMING MODERATE

ROCKALL

NORTHWESTERLY, BACKING SOUTHERLY FOR A TIME, 4 OR 5 INCREASING 7.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES

NORTHWESTERLY VEERING SOUTHERLY 5 OR 6 INCREASING 7. SHOWERS THEN  
RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

BAILEY

VARIABLE 3 BECOMING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER, VEERING  
WESTERLY LATER. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE BECOMING GOOD

FAIR ISLE

MAINLY NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 3 FOR A  
TIME, BUT SOUTHERLY 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 IN EXTREME EAST AT FIRST.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAEROES

NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 OR 7 DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME.  
OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

NORTHERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC 5 OR 6. RAIN LATER, GOOD BECOMING  
MODERATE