AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0505 ON SUNDAY 05 DECEMBER 2004

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FISHER SHANNON ROCKALL HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT MIDNIGHT
HIGH NORTH FITZROY 1033 SLOW MOVING WITH LITTLE CHANGE

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE
WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 DECREASING 4 OR 5, BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 LATER. RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY
WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8 BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, INCREASING 6 OR 7 LATER. SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTH TYNE DOGGER
WEST 5 TO 7 BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 LATER. FAIR. GOOD

FISHER
WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. SHOWERS. GOOD

GERMAN BIGHT
WEST OR NORTHWEST 5 TO 7, BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 LATER. SHOWERS. GOOD

HUMBER THAMES
WEST OR NORTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6 AT FIRST IN HUMBER, BACKING SOUTHWEST LATER. FAIR. GOOD

DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH
VARIABLE 3 OR 4. FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY
EAST OR NORTHEAST 4 OR 5. FAIR. GOOD

SOUTH FITZROY
NORTHEAST 5 TO 7. FAIR. GOOD

NORTH FITZROY
VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING SOUTHWEST 5 IN WEST. FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA
WEST OR SOUTHWEST 3 OR 4 INCREASING 5 OR 6. FAIR. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL
SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN
WEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, THEN INCREASING 6 OR 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

HEBRIDES BAILEY
WEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5 FOR A TIME, BUT PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 IN BAILEY LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE
WEST OR NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5,
INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8 LATER. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAEROES SOUTHEAST ICELAND
WEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, EASING 5 FOR A TIME.
RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD