

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN BAILEY FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

DEVELOPING ATLANTIC LOW EXPECTED THAMES 1007 BY 1800. LOW 100 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ICELAND 967 SLOW-MOVING WITH LITTLE CHANGE. LOW ICELAND 969 MOVING AWAY NORTHEAST

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING

WESTERLY 5 OR 6, BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 7 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH

SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 LATER. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER

WEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 4 OR 5, OCCASIONALLY 6. MODERATE OR ROUGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

THAMES

WESTERLY 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH LATER. RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR AT TIMES

DOVER

WESTERLY 4 OR 5, BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH LATER. RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR AT TIMES

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

WESTERLY 4 OR 5, PERHAPS BECOMING CYCLONIC, THEN NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8. MODERATE, BECOMING ROUGH LATER. RAIN LATER. GOOD, BECOMING MODERATE OR POOR AT TIMES

BISCAY

SOUTHWEST, VEERING WEST FOR A TIME, 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

TRAFALGAR

VARIABLE 3 OR 4, BECOMING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 IN NORTHWEST. SLIGHT, BECOMING MODERATE IN NORTHWEST. RAIN IN NORTHWEST. MAINLY GOOD

FITZROY SOLE

SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH LATER. OCCASIONAL RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHWESTERLY 3 OR 4, INCREASING 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN

SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, INCREASING 7 OR GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9

LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

HEBRIDES

SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY

SOUTHWEST 6 OR 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE

SOUTHWESTERLY 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAEROES

SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5 LATER. ROUGH TO HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

SOUTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 3 OR 4 LATER. ROUGH TO HIGH. WINTRY SHOWERS. GOOD