

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 ON THURSDAY 04 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND IRISH SEA SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY FAIR ISLE FAEROES AND SOUTHEAST ICELAND

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0600
ATLANTIC LOW EXPECTED 250 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ICELAND 965, BY 0600 TOMORROW. LOW VIKING 977 LOSING ITS IDENTITY

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. ISOLATED SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER
NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8 OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 4 OR 5, LATER BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7. MODERATE OR ROUGH, LOCALLY VERY ROUGH IN FORTIES AND DOGGER. ISOLATED SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER
WEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST, DECREASING 5 OR 6 AND BACKING SOUTHWEST LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5. ROUGH BECOMING MODERATE. SCATTERED SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

PLYMOUTH BISCAY FITZROY SOLE LUNDY FASTNET
WESTERLY BACKING SOUTHWESTERLY 5 OR 6, OCCASIONALLY 7 AT FIRST. VERY ROUGH BECOMING ROUGH. ISOLATED SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

IRISH SEA
WESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8 DECREASING 5 OR 6. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY ROUGH. ISOLATED SHOWERS, RAIN LATER. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL
WEST, BACKING SOUTHWEST FOR A TIME, 4 OR 5 INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

MALIN HEBRIDES
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. HIGH BECOMING ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BAILEY
NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH. RAIN AT TIMES. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES
NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTHERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN FAIR ISLE, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH AT FIRST. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND
NORTHWESTERLY BACKING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 OR 6, INCREASING 6 TO GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD