

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 0015 ON MONDAY 03 JANUARY 2005

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

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 1800

HIGH FITZROY 1041 MOVING STEADILY EAST WITH LITTLE CHANGE, EXPECTED FRANCE BY 1800 MONDAY. NEW LOW EXPECTED NEAR WEST ICELAND 961 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE SOUTH UTSIRE

NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 5 FOR A TIME. WINTRY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH TYNE DOGGER

NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9 AT FIRST IN FORTIES, BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 LATER. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

FISHER GERMAN BIGHT

NORTHWEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9 BACKING WEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 LATER. SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

HUMBER THAMES DOVER WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

WEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8 AT FIRST IN HUMBER AND THAMES. MAINLY FAIR. GOOD

BISCAY

VARIABLE 3 OR 4 BECOMING SOUTH OR SOUTHEAST 4 OR 5 LATER. FAIR. GOOD

TRAFALGAR SOUTH FITZROY

NORTHEAST 5 OR 6 DECREASING 3 OR 4. FAIR. GOOD

NORTH FITZROY

VARIABLE 3 OR 4 BECOMING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7, PERHAPS GALE 8 LATER IN WEST. FAIR. GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

WEST 5 TO 7 BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER IN SOLE AND FASTNET. RAIN LATER. GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL MALIN HEBRIDES BAILEY

WEST OR SOUTHWEST 5 TO 7 INCREASING GALE 8 OR SEVERE GALE 9, PERHAPS STORM 10 LATER. RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

NORTHWEST BACKING SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. WINTRY SHOWERS THEN RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

VARIABLE 4 BECOMING SOUTHEAST 5 TO 7, THEN VEERING SOUTH OR SOUTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. FAIR THEN RAIN. GOOD BECOMING MODERATE