

AND NOW THE SHIPPING FORECAST ISSUED BY THE MET OFFICE, ON BEHALF OF THE MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY, AT 1130 ON WEDNESDAY 03 JANUARY 2007

THERE ARE WARNINGS OF GALES IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT TRAFALGAR

THE GENERAL SYNOPSIS AT 0600

LOW 150 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ICELAND 971 MOVING STEADILY EAST, EXPECTED FAIR ISLE 973 BY 0600 TOMORROW. NEW HIGH EXPECTED TRAFALGAR 1034 BY SAME TIME

THE AREA FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS

VIKING NORTH UTSIRE

SOUTH VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 FOR A TIME, BUT PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOUTH UTSIRE

SOUTH VEERING WEST 5 TO 7, OCCASIONALLY GALE 8. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. RAIN OR SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FORTIES CROMARTY FORTH

SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, PERHAPS SEVERE GALE 9 LATER. MODERATE OR ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY VERY ROUGH IN FORTIES. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

TYNE DOGGER FISHER GERMAN BIGHT HUMBER THAMES DOVER

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. MODERATE OR ROUGH BECOMING VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

WIGHT PORTLAND PLYMOUTH

SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, LATER DECREASING 5 OR 6. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

BISCAY FITZROY

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, DECREASING 4 OR 5. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH. OCCASIONAL RAIN. MODERATE OR GOOD

SOLE LUNDY FASTNET IRISH SEA

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 7 TO SEVERE GALE 9, LATER DECREASING 5 TO 7. ROUGH OR VERY ROUGH, OCCASIONALLY HIGH IN WEST SOLE. OCCASIONAL RAIN, THEN SCATTERED SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

SHANNON ROCKALL

SOUTHWEST VEERING WEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, LATER DECREASING 4 OR 5. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. SHOWERS. GOOD

MALIN

SOUTH VEERING WEST OR NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, LATER DECREASING 5. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN, THEN SCATTERED SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

HEBRIDES BAILEY

SOUTHWEST VEERING NORTHWEST 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, LATER DECREASING 4 OR 5. VERY ROUGH OR HIGH. RAIN THEN SHOWERS. MODERATE OR GOOD

FAIR ISLE FAEROES

SOUTHWESTERLY BECOMING CYCLONIC THEN NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9. VERY ROUGH OCCASIONALLY HIGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR

SOUTHEAST ICELAND

CYCLONIC BECOMING NORTHWESTERLY 6 TO GALE 8, OCCASIONALLY SEVERE GALE 9, LATER BACKING SOUTHERLY 4 OR 5. VERY ROUGH DECREASING ROUGH. RAIN OR SQUALLY SHOWERS. MODERATE OCCASIONALLY POOR