

Terms used in marine weather forecasts

Gale		Average wind of force 8 or more
Strong wind		Average wind of force 6 to 7
Imminent		Within 6 hours from time of issue
Soon		Within 6 to 12 hours from time of issue
Later		More than hours from time of issue
Visibility:	Good	Over 5miles
	Moderate	2-5 miles
	Poor	1000m – 2 miles
	Fog	Less than 1000m
Fair		No significant precipitation
Backing		Wind changing in an anticlockwise direction
Veering		Wind changing in an clockwise direction
Sea State:	Smooth	Wave height 0.2 to 0.5m
	Slight	Wave height 0.5 to 1.25m
	Moderate	Wave height 1.25 to 2.5m
	Rough	Wave height 2.5 to 4.0m