



METSIT 18Z 3-Mar A LARGE, FAIRLY STRONG LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL MOVE EAST ACROSS THE DRAKE PASSAGE, SLOWLY WEAKENING AS IT DOES. BANDS OF PRECIPITATION WILL TRANSITION FROM RAIN (OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ROUTE) TO SNOW, THEN DIMINISH OVER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ROUTE. WINDS AND SEAS WILL REMAIN ELEVATED THROUGH MOST OF THE JOURNEY.

FORECASTER NOTES THE MAIN BODY OF ANTARCTIC SUPPORT HAS ENDED AND THE CHARLESTON ROF IS IN ITS WINTER STAFFING COVERAGE. FORECASTS WILL BE VALID STARTING AT 00Z EACH DAY.

VALID TIME	4-Mar 00Z	4-Mar 06Z	4-Mar 12Z	4-Mar 18Z	5-Mar 00Z	5-Mar 06Z	5-Mar 12Z	5-Mar 18Z
SKY CONDITION	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY	CLOUDY
WEATHER	RAIN & FOG	MIXED & FOG	SNOW & FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
VISIBILITY (NM)	1 - 3	1 - 3	1 - 3	3 - 5	3 - 5	2 - 4	2 - 4	2 - 4
SFC WINDS (DIR & KTS)	NE 20-30 GUSTS TO 40	NE 25-35 GUSTS TO 45	NE-E 20-30 GUSTS TO 40	E 20-30 GUSTS TO 40	E 20-30 GUSTS TO 35	E 15-20 GUSTS TO 30	E 10-15	E 8-12
SFC MAX/MIN (°C)	4 / 1				2 / -1			
SST RANGE (°C)	3 / 1				2 / 1			
SEAS (DIR & FT)	NE 10-14	NE 14-18	W 12-16	W 12-16	NE 10-14	NE 8-12	NE 4-7	NE 2-3
ICE ACCRETION	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL