

*When a halo rings the moon or sun
Rains approaching on the run*

As already indicated, a halo around the sun or moon is followed by inclement weather about 65% of the time.

*Short notice, soon to pass
Long notice, long will last*

or

*Long foretold—long last
Short notice—soon past*

The approach of a major storm system with bad weather lasting several hours or more is revealed well in advance — by cloud formations, changing wind direction, falling atmospheric pressure, the arrival of swell, etc. However, a short lived bad weather event, such as a local thunderstorm, might only be revealed a short while ahead of time, such as from cumulus growing into cumulonimbus. This is, therefore, a fairly accurate jingle.

*Seagull, seagull, get out on T'sand
We'll never have good weather with thee on the land*

During fair weather, gulls scavenge at the waters edge or offshore. During stormy weather, they often fly inland and scavenge at waste dumps. However, they usually don't do this until after the storm has arrived!

*When the glass falls low
Look out for a blow*

or

*When the wind backs, and the weather glass falls,
Then be on your guard against gales and squalls*

Sound advice, because as already indicated, a steady, persistent fall in atmospheric pressure is often a good indication of foul weather to come. This is particularly true with a windshift from the west to the east, northeast or south-east.

*Red sky at night, sailors delight
Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning*

This is probably the most famous of all weather sayings, and is true more often than not. A red sky at sunset or early evening indicates clouds to the east, with clearing on the western horizon allowing the setting sun to be seen. Unsettled weather or stormyness may have passed or be moving out. A red sky in the morning indicates clouds to the west as the sun is rising, which may advance eastward and bring bad weather with them.