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Here is the weather forecast for the inshore waters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland valid for the following 18 hours.

General Situation: An active frontal system will cross the country from the west, followed by a ridge of high pressure

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: southeast 5 or 6 increasing 7 or perhaps Gale 8 around Orkney and Duncansby Head, veering southwest 4 later.
showers then rain.
Visibility: good becoming moderate.

Shetland.
Wind: southeast 5 or 6, increasing 7 or Gale 8.
showers.
Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 north of Aberdeen and perhaps Gale 8 around Rattray Head and Duncansby Head, veering west 4 or 5 later.
showers, rain later.
Visibility: moderate occasionally poor.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: southeast veering west 5 occasionally 6.
showers, rain later.
Visibility: moderate occasionally poor.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: southeasterly veering westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 later.
occasional rain.
Visibility: moderate occasionally poor.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: south or southeast veering westerly 5 occasionally 6.
rain, fair later.
Visibility: moderate occasionally poor, becoming good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: southeast 5 or 6, occasionally 7 around St Davids Head and St George's Channel, veering west or southwest 4 or 5.
rain, fair later.
Visibility: moderate or poor becoming good.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: southeasterly 5 to 7, veering southwesterly 4 or 5.
rain, fair later.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: southeast 6 or 7, occasionally Gale 8 around Outer Hebrides and some exposed headlands, veering south 5 or 6 later.
rain or showers, fair later.
Visibility: moderate or good.