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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: generally settled weather in most places. However a cold front will affect southeastern areas at first, while an Atlantic depression will bring wet and windy weather to northwest Scotland.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: south or southeast 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
rain or showers.
Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.
Wind: southeast 7 or gale 8, veering south 4 or 5.
mainly fair.
Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 north of Peterhead at first.
fair.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor overnight.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: west or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3.
rain at first.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor overnight.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: west or northwest 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3.
rain in east at first.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: west backing southeast 4 or 5, decreasing 2 or 3.
fair.
Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: southwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6 at first.
fair.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate overnight.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: southwest backing south 5 or 6, decreasing 3 or 4, occasionally 5 later in north.
showers.
Visibility: good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: south or southwest 6 or 7, decreasing 5 or 6.
showers.
Visibility: moderate or good.