

From the Met Office. Issued at 0530 GMT on Saturday 03 Feb 2007.

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

General Situation: high Ireland moving slowly east, dominating the United Kingdom. Cold front spreading into northwest Scotland during Saturday evening.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: west or southwest 5 or 6, occasionally 7.

fair then rain later.

Visibility: good becoming moderate later.

Shetland.

Wind: west or southwest 5 to 7.

showers then rain later.

Visibility: good occasionally moderate later.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: west 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: west or northwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4, but northeast 3 or 4 near North Foreland.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: east or northeast 4 or 5.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

mainly fair.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, and 6 at times near Lands End.

mainly fair.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.

Wind: variable becoming south 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: south of Ardnamurchan Point, southerly or southwesterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4. North of Ardnamurchan Point, southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, veering west or northwest 3 or 4 later.

mainly fair but rain later in north.

Visibility: mainly good, occasionally moderate later in north.