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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: High pressure persists to the southwest of the UK with a strengthening west or southwesterly airflow in the north.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
occasional drizzle, rain later.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor.

Shetland.
Wind: west or southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
occasional drizzle, rain later.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: westerly backing southwesterly 4 or 5.
mainly fair.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: northwest backing west 3 occasionally 4.
mainly fair.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: northwesterly 2 or 3.
mainly fair.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: northwesterly 2 or 3.
mainly fair.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: northwest backing west or southwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4 later.
occasional drizzle.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: southwesterly 2 or 3, increasing 4 or 5.
occasional drizzle.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: southwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
occasional rain or drizzle.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.