

From the Met Office. Issued at 0530 GMT on Tuesday 02 Jan 2007.

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

General Situation: transient ridge moving east across UK during Tuesday afternoon, strengthening southwesterly airflow reaching west later ahead of next Atlantic frontal system

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6 or 7.  
showers then rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.

Wind: northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4.  
squally showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: northwest 5 to 7 backing southwest 4.  
squally showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: northwest 5 to 7 backing west 4.  
squally showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: northwest 5 to 7 backing west 4.  
squally showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5.

squally showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: northwest 6 to gale 8, backing southwest 4 or 5.  
squally showers then rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

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

Wind: westerly or northwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, severe gale 9 at first.

squally showers then rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: westerly or northwesterly backing southerly 5 to 7,  
occasionally gale 8 at first.

squally showers then rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.