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Here is the weather forecast for the inshore waters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland valid for the following 24 hours.

General Situation: ridge over British Isles declining and moving away eastwards as deepening low moves steadily northeast towards the Faeroe Islands.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: south veering southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 7 or gale 8.

rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, backing southeasterly for a time.

rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: south or southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8.

rain at times.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: west backing southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8.

rain at times.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: northwest backing southwest 4 or 5 increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8.

rain or drizzle.

Visibility: good, becoming moderate for a time.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: southwest 5 increasing 6 to gale 8, veering west later.

rain or drizzle, then showers.

Visibility: mainly moderate, becoming good later.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: southerly veering westerly 5 or 6, increasing 7 or gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

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

Wind: southerly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: southerly veering westerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9.

rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or poor becoming good.