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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: An area of high pressure will be slow moving across northwest France. An active frontal system crosses Scotland and Northern England during the period.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: south or southeast for a time 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, becoming moderate or poor.

Shetland.

Wind: south or southeast 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, perhaps gale 8 later.

fair then rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: south 3 or 4, increasing south 5 or 6.
occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in rain.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: south 3 or 4, increasing 5, occasionally 6 in north.
mainly fair.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: south or southwest 3 or 4, locally 5 in Straits of Dover.
mainly fair.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: west or southwest 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in west later.
isolated showers in west later.

Visibility: mainly good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: southwest 3 or 4 increasing 5 or 6, occasionally 7 later.
isolated showers later in south, occasional rain later in north.

Visibility: good, but moderate in rain or showers.

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

Wind: south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7.
occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: south or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 to 7, and perhaps gale 8 later.

rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, becoming moderate or poor.