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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: Deep low slow moving to west of Scotland with gales, severe gales or storms affecting all coasts at times.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: south or southeast 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 6 later for a time.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or poor, becoming good.

Shetland.

Wind: southeast 6 to gale 8 or severe gale 9 for a time.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: good becoming moderate or poor for a time.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, occasionally storm 10, decreasing 6 to gale 8 later in south.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: south or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, veering westerly 6 to gale 8.

rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor later.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: south or southwest gale 8 to storm 10.

rain then squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: south or southwest gale 8 to storm 10.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Wind: south or southwest gale 8 to storm 10, occasionally violent storm 11.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: south or southeast veering southwest 7 to severe gale 9, increasing severe gale 9 to violent storm 11 later in south.

rain or squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in south later.