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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: high Ireland moving slowly east, dominating the United Kingdom. Cold front spreading into northwest Scotland during Saturday evening. Weak frontal band orientated west to east through English Channel at first.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: west or southwest 5 to 7.

mainly fair but rain later.

Visibility: good becoming moderate later.

Shetland.

Wind: west or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

showers then rain later.

Visibility: good occasionally moderate later.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: west 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: west or northwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4, but northeast 3 or 4 near North Foreland.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: east or northeast 4 or 5.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: easterly or northeasterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

mainly fair but occasional drizzle near Lands End.

Visibility: mainly good but occasionally moderate near Lands End.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: easterly or southeasterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south, and 6 at times near Lands End.

mainly fair but occasional drizzle near Lands End.

Visibility: mainly good but occasionally moderate near Lands End.

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

Wind: variable becoming south 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

fair.

Visibility: good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: south of Ardnamurchan Point, southerly or southwesterly 2 or 3, occasionally 4. North of Ardnamurchan Point, southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

mainly fair but rain later in north.

Visibility: mainly good, occasionally moderate later in north.