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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: low Faeroes at first moving east into Scandinavia. Transient ridge moving east across all parts. Frontal band reaching northwestern parts later.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: west or southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 for a time, backing south 5 or 6 later.

squally showers at first, becoming fair for a time. Occasional rain later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

Shetland.

Wind: southwest 5 or 6 veering northwest 6 to gale 8, decreasing 3 or 4 later.

squally showers dying out then fair for a time. Occasional rain later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9, decreasing 4 or 5 later.

showers then fair for a time. Occasional rain later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate later.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first near North Foreland, decreasing 5 or 6 later.

showers then fair.

Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: southwest veering west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 later.

squally showers dying out.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

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

squally showers dying out.

Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

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

showers at first then fair.

Visibility: good.

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

Wind: west 6 to gale 8 decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.

squally showers dying out then fair for a time. Occasional rain later.

Visibility: good occasionally moderate later.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: west or northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9,

decreasing 4 or 5, backing southwest 5 or 6 later.
squally showers then fair for a time. Occasional rain later.
Visibility: good occasionally moderate later.