

From the Met Office. Issued at 0530 GMT on Wednesday 03 Oct 2007.

Here is the weather forecast for the inshore waters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland valid for the following 18 hours.

General Situation: High pressure over the North Sea moving away eastwards. Low pressure developing west of Scotland overnight, moving slowly east. Further high pressure building to the southwest of Ireland by Thursday.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: Southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in east. fair, then occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.

Wind: southerly 3 or 4, backing southeasterly 5 or 6. fair.

Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: southerly or southeasterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in north. rain later.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: southeasterly veering southwesterly 3 or 4 in north, easterly backing westerly 3 or 4 in south.

patchy rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in south.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: northeasterly backing westerly, 3 or 4.

patchy rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in east.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: variable becoming southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in far west.

patchy rain.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: southwesterly 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 in far west and northwest.

rain later.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

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

Wind: southeasterly veering westerly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, increasing 6 or 7 in the north.

occasional rain, then showers.

Visibility: good becoming moderate, occasionally poor in south.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: southeasterly veering northwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7. occasional rain, then showers.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.