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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: transient ridge moving east across UK during Tuesday afternoon, strengthening southwesterly airflow moving into west ahead of next Atlantic frontal system

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: northwest backing south 4 or 5, occasionally 6 or 7.
showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.
Wind: northwest 5 to 7, backing southwest 4.
squally showers then fair.
Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing southwest 4.
squally showers then fair.
Visibility: good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8, backing west 4.
squally showers then fair.
Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 or severe gale 9, backing west 4.
squally showers then fair.
Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 or severe gale 9, backing southwest 4 or 5.
squally showers then fair.
Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 backing southwest 4 or 5.
squally showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: westerly or northwesterly backing southerly 6 to gale 8, severe gale 9 at first.
squally showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: westerly or northwesterly backing southerly 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.
squally showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good.