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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 pressure covers the south of the United Kingdom but the unsettled weather will continue in the north with outbreaks of rain and strong winds at times over the Shetland Islands, northwest Scotland and Northern Ireland.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: southeast veering west 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
occasional rain or drizzle.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Shetland.
Wind: southeast 4 or 5, veering southwest 6, later veering west 7 or perhaps gale 8.
occasional rain, fair later.
Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: variable 3 or 4, becoming southwest then west 4 or 5, occasionally 6.
occasional mist and rain, mainly in the north.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in mist and rain.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: westerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north later.
fair.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: north or northwest 2 or 3, occasionally 4 at first.
occasional mist patches overnight in west.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in mist.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: north or northwest 3 or 4, decreasing 2 or 3 and becoming variable in west.
occasional mist patches overnight.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in mist.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: northwesterly, backing southwesterly for a time in north, 2 or 3, occasionally 4 in north.
fair.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: west or southwest 3 or 4, increasing 5 or 6 for a time near Lough Foyle.
occasional drizzle.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in northwest.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: southwest veering west or northwest 4 or 5, increasing 6 or 7.
occasional rain or drizzle, becoming fair later in north.
Visibility: moderate, occasionally poor or very poor, becoming mainly good in north later.