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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 in the North Sea extends a ridge to northern and central Britain. A weak frontal trough is slow moving over southern England and Wales.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

mainly fair, with patchy rain in far west later.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate in far west later.

Shetland.

Wind: southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5.

mainly fair.

Visibility: mainly good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: mainly southerly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

mainly fair.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: east or southeast 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in south at first.

occasional rain or thundery showers in south.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: east or northeast 2 or 3, occasionally 4.

occasional rain or thundery showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: east or northeast 2 or 3, occasionally 4, becoming variable 2

or 3 in southwest later.

occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in southwest.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: east or southeast 2 or 3, occasionally 4, becoming variable 2

or 3 in southwest.

occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor in far southwest.

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

Wind: southeasterly mainly 3 or 4.

mainly fair, with patchy rain later in far northwest.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: southerly, 3 or 4 in south, but in north 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in west.

mainly fair with occasional rain in north later.

Visibility: moderate or good.