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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: Low Faeroes moving away northeast and filling. Deep Atlantic low becoming slow moving just west of Rockall by midnight tonight.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.
Wind: south or southwest backing southeast 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first, decreasing 5 for a time.
rain then showers.
Visibility: moderate or good.

Shetland.
Wind: south or southwest 7 to severe gale 9, decreasing 5 or 6 later.
rain or showers.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.
Wind: southeast veering southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
showers, rain later.
Visibility: mainly good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.
Wind: south or southwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 later.
rain later.
Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.
Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6, backing southerly and increasing 6 or 7, occasionally gale 8 later near St Catherine's Point.
occasional rain.
Visibility: moderate or good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.
Wind: southwest 5 to 7, backing south and increasing 8 to storm 10 later.
rain at times.
Visibility: moderate or good, becoming poor later in west.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.
Wind: southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing gale 8 to storm 10 later.
showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good, becoming poor later.

From Colwyn Bay to Mull of Kintyre including Lough Foyle to Carlingford Lough.
Wind: southerly 6 to gale 8, increasing severe 9 or storm 10 at times later.
showers then rain.
Visibility: moderate or good, becoming poor later.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.
Wind: southerly 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.
squally showers or rain.
Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor later.