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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: a ridge of high pressure will cover the south of the United Kingdom during Thursday. However, unsettled conditions will persist across northern parts with strong winds and rain at times.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: northeast veering southeast 4 or 5.

occasional rain.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor.

Shetland.

Wind: north veering east 4.

rain or drizzle at first.

Visibility: good, occasionally moderate or poor at first.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, increasing 6 at times, veering easterly

or southeasterly 4 or 5 in north.

occasional rain, especially in north.

Visibility: good, becoming moderate or poor in north.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: westerly or southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

fair.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: westerly or northwesterly 3.

mainly fair.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: west veering northwest 3.

mainly fair.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: southwesterly 3 or 4, occasionally 5 in north.

occasional drizzle.

Visibility: moderate or good.

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

Wind: southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6 around Lough Foyle.

occasional rain or drizzle.

Visibility: moderate or good, occasionally poor west of Rathlin Island.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: southwesterly 5 or 6, occasionally 7 in south, but

northeasterly 4 or 5, perhaps 6, for a time in north.

rain or drizzle.

Visibility: moderate or poor.