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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: Strong to severe gale, showery westerly airflow covers the UK

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: west or southwest 6 to gale 8.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

Shetland.

Wind: west or northwest 5 to 7, occasionally gale 8 at first.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: west 6 to gale 8.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: southwest veering northwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: west or southwest 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 at first.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

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

Wind: west 6 to gale 8, occasionally severe gale 9 later.

squally showers.

Visibility: good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: west 6 to gale 8, perhaps severe gale 9 later.

squally showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.