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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: Vigorous low in southern North Sea clearing eastwards with severe gales and storm force winds along South Coast easing, followed by a temporary ridge of high pressure.

From Cape Wrath to Duncansby Head including Orkney.

Wind: south veering southwest 4 or 5.

showers.

Visibility: good.

Shetland.

Wind: southeast veering southwest 4 or 5, occasionally 6.

rain or showers.

Visibility: moderate or good.

From Duncansby Head to Whitby.

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5.

rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate becoming good.

From Whitby to North Foreland.

Wind: In north, northerly backing southwesterly 4 occasionally 5. In south, cyclonic gale 8 to storm 10 becoming westerly 5 or 6, decreasing 4 later.

rain then showers.

Visibility: moderate or poor, becoming good.

From North Foreland to St. Catherine's Point.

Wind: west backing southwest gale 8 to storm 10, decreasing 3 or 4.

rain then showers, becoming fair later.

Visibility: moderate or poor, becoming good.

From St. Catherine's Point to Lands End.

Wind: west backing southwest 5 to 7, occasionally Gale 8 in east at first, decreasing 4 or 5 and backing south later.

showers becoming fair.

Visibility: good.

From Lands End to Colwyn Bay.

Wind: westerly 4 or 5 backing southerly later.

showers becoming fair.

Visibility: good.

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

Wind: west backing south 4 or 5.

showers.

Visibility: good.

From Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath.

Wind: southwesterly 4 or 5, occasionally 6 in north.

showers.

Visibility: good.