

WhaleSAFE

Promoting fun, safe and educational whale watching

Be WhaleSAFE:

[See a whale](#)

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For the best whale watching experience for you, and the whales, follow these safe whale watching guidelines:

SEE A BLOW - GO SLOW; Slow down and approach at the same speed of the whale (about 2-3 knots)

CAREFULLY approach from the right or left flank - do not pull in directly in front or behind the whale

ALWAYS attempt to stay 100 yards away from a whale. If a situation arises where you cannot avoid a whale by 100 yards, DO operate at a no-wake speed.

DO NOT:

- Move into the path of a whale
- Move faster than a whale;
- Make erratic speed or directional changes, except to avoid collision with a whale.
- Get between two whales
- Chase any whales
- Feed or touch any whales



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To report incidents of harassment, call

NOAA Law Enforcement

(800) 853-1964

To report an injured or entangled whale, please call:

1-877-SOS-WHALE

or hail U.S. Coast Guard

on VHF Channel 16.