

Sharing the Seas: Safe Boating for Sailors and Whales

For your safety and theirs, watch for...



FLUKE PRINTS (flat patch of water)
A whale just dove below the surface



BUBBLES
Feeding whales are nearby

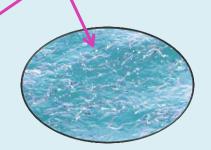
(also look for lots of birds and fish)



BLOWS

A whale just surfaced for a breath





If you see a whale

- Turn on engine to create noise
- Stay 100ft away
- Parallel the whale's path
- Reduce speed
- T Drop sail when possible

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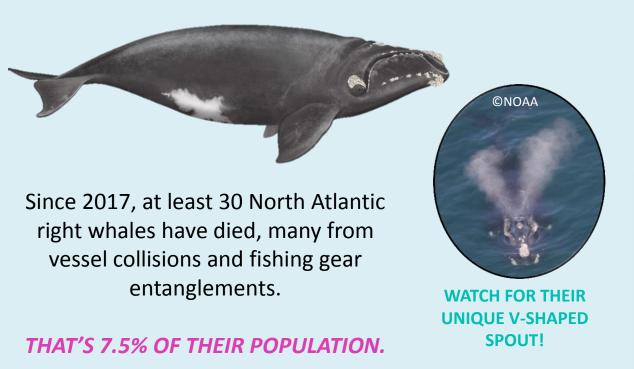




To report a whale in distress, or any North Atlantic right whale sighting, call 1-866-755-NOAA or hail USCG on Ch. 16



Species Spotlight: North Atlantic right whale



Sailors on the water can play a vital role in reporting sightings of these endangered whales and following regulations to keep them at a safe distance.

- ★ Federal law requires all boats & drones to maintain a distance of 1,500ft
 - ★ All sightings should be reported to

1-866-755-NOAA (ME-VA) or 877-WHALE-HELP (NC-FL)

Right whales are much *more likely to*survive a collision if a vessel is traveling

10kts or less. To learn about current
required and/or voluntary speed
restrictions, visit: bit.ly/whaleDMA

