

BE WHALE AWARE

WITH PACIFIC WHALE FOUNDATION



In Australia it is against the law to approach humpback whales closer than 100 metres by any means or to operate jet skis within 300 metres of a whale. Swimmers in the water must not approach whales closer than 100 metres. Aircraft must remain at least 300 metres away from a whale and helicopters must remain 500 metres away and not hover above a whale.

SLOW DOWN, WHALES AROUND

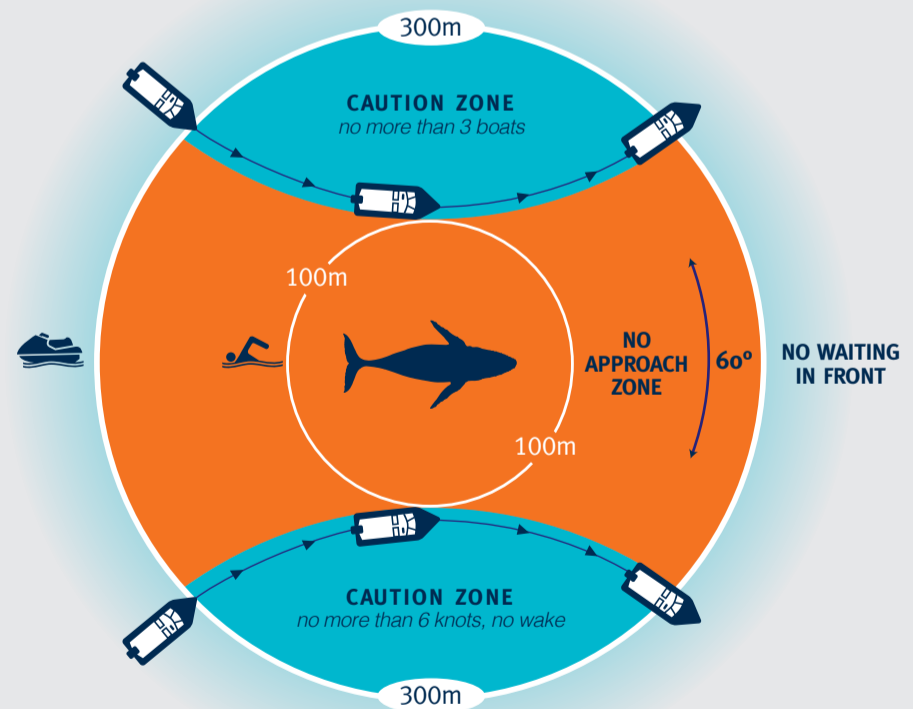
- Speed increases the risk of a collision.
- Reduce to a no wake speed of 6 knots or less when within 300 metres of a whale, it's the law.

APPROACHING WHALES

- Do not approach whales within 100 metres. If your vessel unexpectedly encounters a whale within 100 metres, STOP IMMEDIATELY and allow whales to pass.
- Always stay at your helm and post an observer to spot whales while underway.
- Approach areas of whale activity with extreme caution and look in all directions before approaching or departing.
- Do not intercept the path of a whale or approach the animal head on, and do not pursue whales. Try to approach from the side and slightly to the rear of the animal.
- Do not leap-frog ahead, cut in front of a whale's path, or restrict whale movement in any way.

WATCHING WHALES

- Limit your viewing with whale groups containing calves to 30 minutes.
- No more than three vessels of any size or type should be within 300 metres of a whale at any one time.
- Do not attempt to touch or feed a whale.
- Avoid sudden or excessive noise when within 300 metres of a whale (including from passengers onboard).



To report any SICK, INJURED, OR DEAD marine mammals call the RSPCA Queensland: 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625).

To report a VIOLATION OF THE APPROACH RULE or other human related disturbance, call the Queensland Police: 134 666.



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