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

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**If you see a whale**
- Turn on engine to create noise
- Stay 100ft away
- Parallel the whale’s path
- Reduce speed
- 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

Since 2017, at least 30 North Atlantic right whales have died, many from vessel collisions and fishing gear entanglements. THAT’S 7.5% OF THEIR POPULATION.

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

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)

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