



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
- ✦ 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



**WATCH FOR THEIR
UNIQUE V-SHAPED
SPOUT!**

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.

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

