Whale and dolphin watching

Whale approach distances

- 300 m if calf is present
- 150 m if only adult

Dolphin approach distances

- 150 m if calf is present
- 50 m if only adult

Advice to skippers

- Go slow when within 300m of whales and 150m of dolphins
- No more than three vessels at a time should approach whales or dolphins. Wait for your turn and don't barge in
- Start your approach at an angle of at least 30 degrees to their direction of travel
- If a whale approaches your vessel:
  - Slow down to 'no wash' speed
  - Move away or disengage your vessel's gears
  - Make no sudden movement
  - Minimise noise