

Sightings ABBREVIATIONS



SPECIES			
harbour porpoise	HP	killer whale	KW
minke whale	MW	risso's dolphin	RD
common dolphin	CD	pilot whale	PW
bottlenose dolphin	BD	unidentified dolphin	UD
humpback whale	HW	unidentified whale	UW
grey seal	GS	basking shark	BS
harbour seal	HS	bird feeding frenzy	FF

CONFIDENCE	
Definite	1
Probable	2
Possible	3

BEHAVIOUR			
Surfacing	SU	Spy Hop	SH
Normal Swim	NS	Bow Ride	BR
Fast Swim	FS	Rest / Milling	RM
Blowing	BL	Aggression	AG
Feeding	FE	Sexual	SE
Leap/Breaching	LB	Bottling	BO
Tail Slap	TS	Porpoising	PO

REACTION	
Attracted to boat	POS
Avoided boat	NEG
No response observed	NON

ECHO	
On	write depth
Off	X

ENGINE	
On with prop	ON
Off	OFF
On without prop	WP

SEASTATE	
mirror calm	0
slight ripples, no whitewater	1
small wavelets, glassy crests, no whitecaps	2
large wavelets, crest begin to break, few whitecaps	3
longer waves, many whitecaps	4
moderate waves of longer form, some spray	5
large waves, many whitecaps everywhere	6

SWELL HEIGHT	
Light (<1m)	L
Moderate (1-2m)	M
Heavy (>2m)	H

VISIBILITY	
< 1km	1
1-5 km	5
6-10 km	10
11 - 15 km	15
16 - 20 km	20
> 20km	30

GLARE	
No glare	0
Weak	W
Variable	V
Strong	S
Discomforting	D
Blinding	B

CLOUD COVER	
Sky clear	0
Sky 1/8 cloudy	1
Sky 1/4 cloudy	2
Sky 3/8 cloudy	3
Sky 1/2 cloudy	4
Sky 5/8 cloudy	5
Sky 3/4 cloudy	6
Sky 7/8 cloudy	7
Sky completely cloudy	8
Sky obscured	X

BOAT ACTIVITY	
sailing yacht	Y
motor vessel	M
Speed boat	SB
Jet Ski	JS
trawler (gear down)	T
Fishing boat	FB
Ferry	F
Kayak	K
Military	D

EFFORT	
Full effort	On
No effort	Off
Casual watch	C