Wild dolphin in this area

It is exciting to see a wild dolphin and understandable people want a closer look - but this could put you, and the dolphin, in danger – remember this is a wild animal.

Please follow these recommended guidelines:

PUBLIC OBSERVERS

X DO NOT - enter the water to attempt to touch, grab or interact with the dolphin

X DO NOT - feed or attempt to feed the dolphin as this can lead to health problems and invite contact

V DO - watch from the shore from a safe area

V DO - report any inappropriate activity such as harassment of the dolphin by calling 101 **

WATER USERS

V DO - keep to a steady straight course, put engine in neutral if dolphin approaches

V DO - keep your distance (100m)

V DO - if the dolphin is frequenting a specific area (to rest or feed), do not disturb

X DO NOT - chase or change direction to follow the dolphin as sudden manoeuvres can result in impact

X DO NOT - encourage the dolphin near your vessel as this can result in injury from propellers

** It is an offence to disturb or harm dolphins under Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

DO - respect this as a wild animal, not trained for entertainment

DO - above all, enjoy having the experience of seeing a dolphin wild and free

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