

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

- ☒ DO NOT - enter the water to attempt to touch, grab or interact with the dolphin
- ☒ DO NOT - feed or attempt to feed the dolphin as this can lead to health problems and invite contact
- ☒ DO - watch from the shore from a safe area
- ☒ DO - report any inappropriate activity such as harassment of the dolphin by calling 101 **

WATER USERS

- ☒ DO - keep to a steady straight course, put engine in neutral if dolphin approaches
- ☒ DO - keep your distance (100m)
- ☒ DO - if the dolphin is frequenting a specific area (to rest or feed), do not disturb
- ☒ DO NOT - chase or change direction to follow the dolphin as sudden manoeuvres can result in impact
- ☒ 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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