

Share the waters - keep your distance

Our coastal waters provide important habitat for marine mammals

Southern right whales make an annual migration from Sub-Antarctic waters to the South Australian coast for calving and breeding between May and late October. During this time they can be found very close to shore, making them vulnerable. Young calves are particularly at risk from boats as they are not strong swimmers and need to stay close to the surface to breathe.

Keeping a safe distance helps to keep both people and marine mammals safe. It also prevents whales from being stressed or disturbed. If you find yourself too close to a whale you should either cut your motor or move away from the whale at a slow 'no wake' speed.

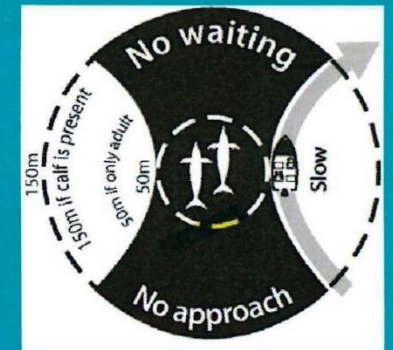
Dolphins and seals are also common along the South Australian coast and sometimes approach vessels. If this occurs, slow down and continue on a straight course, or steer in a slow straight course away from them.

Boats must keep a distance of 100m from a whale and 50 metres from other marine mammals. **Personal watercraft such as jet skis must keep a distance of 300m from any marine mammal.**

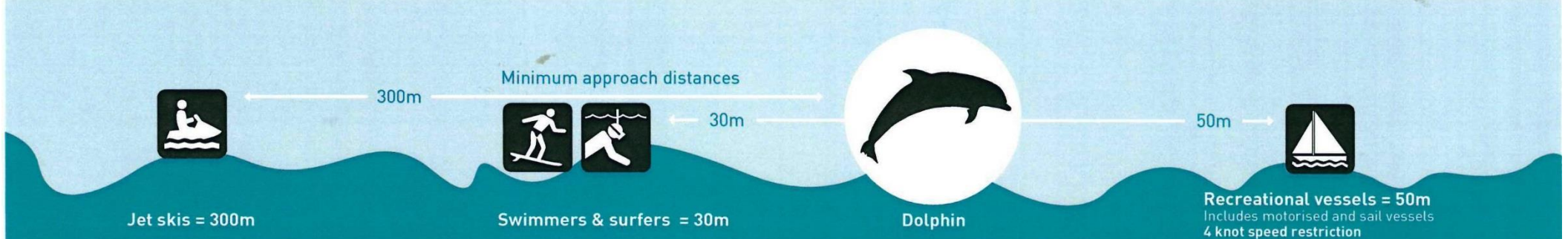
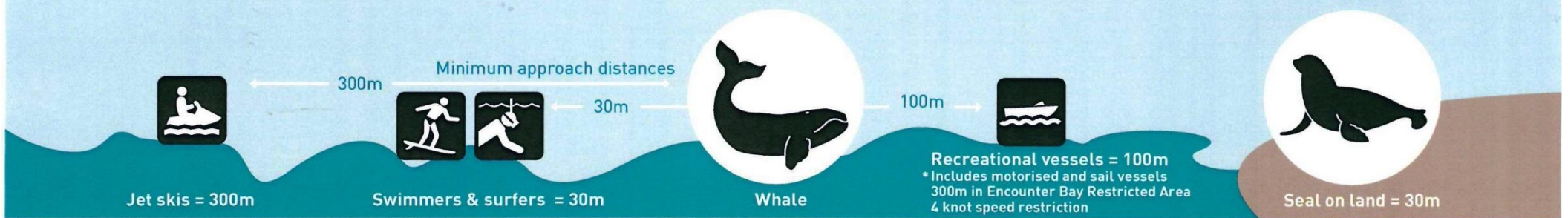
Vessels within the Encounter Bay restricted area (see map below) must keep a distance of 300m from any whales. Personal watercraft such as jet skis are prohibited from the restricted zone from 1 May - 30 September. Approaching too close to marine mammals is unlawful and heavy penalties apply.

More information can be found at www.sawhalecentre.com

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Share the waters with whales, dolphins and seals



Penalties up to \$100,000 for breaches of the Act and Regulations apply.



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