

ADVICE

Area: Queensland Coast

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The whale migration season has begun off the south east coast of Queensland. The season runs from late March to late November.

Mariners must keep a keen lookout for whales, both in offshore waters and inside bays/estuaries. If whales are observed, slow down or stop to see what direction whales are travelling. Do not approach whales from directly in front or behind and stay at least 100 metres away (jet skis 300 metres away).

Mariners must report any incidents of collision with whales to the Department of Environment and Science on 1300 130 372 and submit a marine incident report to Maritime Safety Queensland.

- if a whale approaches closer than 100m to your vessel, operate at no wake speed and move slowly away or disengage gears;
- if a whale is within 300m of your vessel, operate at no wake speed or less than 6 knots;
- if you encounter a white whale, you must not approach closer than 500m



Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

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