

Code of Conduct for Dolphin Watching Activities

- 1. Maintain forward progress at a slow, steady speed or stop with no sudden course changes. Boat speed should not exceed 10 knots**
- 2. Only one dolphin watching vessel should be within 500 meters of a group of dolphins**
- 3. Always slow down to no-wake speed, or stop if animals appear directly ahead within 100 meters**
- 4. Never approach the dolphins head on; approach at an angle**
- 5. Never conduct reverse throttling in the vicinity of dolphins**
- 6. Never chase or cut across the course of dolphins, separate mothers and calves, split up groups or 'corner' dolphins between boats, nets or shore**
- 7. Never attempt to touch, swim with, or feed the dolphins**
- 8. Do not litter or dispose of any fuel, oil or other pollutants in the waters**
- 9. Respect the dolphins and let them make the choice to approach or flee. If a group of dolphins is difficult to observe and elusive, leave them alone and try to find a more cooperative group**
- 10. When observing, always parallel the dolphin's course at slow speed**
- 11. When observing dolphins which are following pair trawlers, the following need to be observed:**
 - ♦ the position of the dolphin watching vessel relative to the marker buoy of the trawl net should change as slowly as possible**
 - ♦ Do not move away immediately or at high speed after trawlers have hauled up the net**
Move away from the area at low speed very cautiously and ONLY after the dolphins have dispersed