

Gwynedd Marine Code

In general keep a good look out and keep your distance. Do not approach marine mammals, let them come to you. Please operate all boats with care and attention for the safety of occupants and respect for all other sea users.

Dolphins, Porpoises & Seals

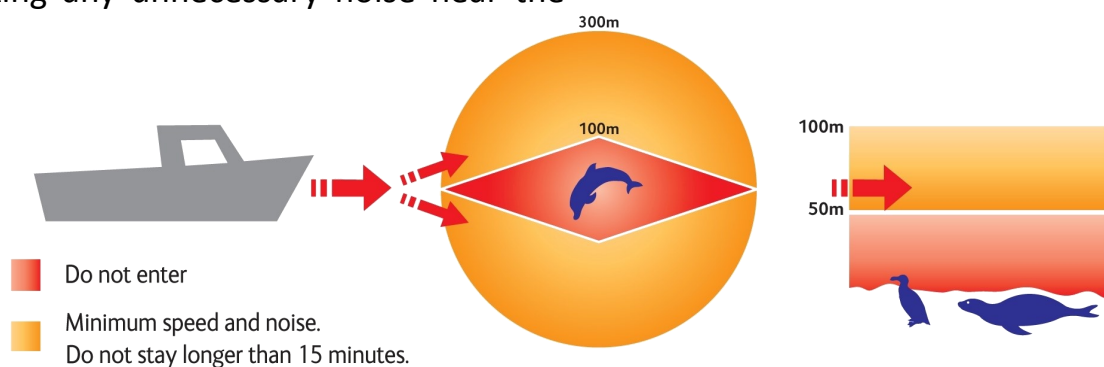
If these creatures are encountered at sea please:

- **Slow down** gradually to minimum speed. Do not make sudden changes in speed or course.
- **Do not** steer directly towards them or approach within 100m.
- **Do not** attempt to touch, feed or swim with them.
- **Take extra care** to avoid disturbing animals with young.
- **Do not** approach seals resting on the shore, and do not enter sea caves during the pupping season (1st August to 31st October).
- **Do not** discard litter or fishing tackle at sea.
- **Avoid** making any unnecessary noise near the animals.

This code applies to all recreational vessels including motor boats, yachts, dinghies, personal watercraft, kayaks and canoes. Always comply with requests from the local patrol boats and be aware of speed restrictions around bathing beaches and wildlife sites.

Birds

- Keep out from cliffs in the breeding season (1st March – 31st July).
- Avoid making any unnecessary noise close to cliffs.
- Keep clear of groups of birds resting or feeding on the sea.



Note that Gwynedd Harbourmasters and Launch Control Officers are authorised to withdraw launching and/or mooring permits from vessels and individuals not observing local regulations, byelaws or the Gwynedd Marine Code. Deliberate or reckless disturbance of any protected species (such as dolphins) is a criminal offence.