

Appendix C Code of Conduct in the Presence of Dolphins

1. Maintain forward progress at a slow, steady speed or stop with no sudden course changes. Vessel speed shall not exceed 10 knots;
2. Always slow down to no-wake speed, or stop if animals appear directly ahead within 100 meters;
3. Never approach the dolphins head on;
4. Never conduct reverse throttling in the vicinity of dolphins;
5. Never chase or cut across the course of dolphins, separate mothers and calves, split up groups or 'corner' dolphins between boats, nets or shore;
6. Never attempt to touch, swim with, feed or harm the dolphins;
7. Do not litter or dispose of any fuel, oil or other pollutants in the waters;
8. Respect the dolphins and let them make the choice to continue their course or flee, do not attempt to force the dolphins to change course and avoid your vessel;
9. When it is observed that the dolphins are following pair trawlers in the area:
 - a. Change the vessel position relative to the marker buoy of the trawl net as slowly as possible;
 - b. Do not pass by at high speed after trawlers have hauled up the net;
 - c. Move away from the area at low speed very cautiously and only after the dolphins have dispersed