

Go Slow — Whales Below!

Protect your boat and crew



Going slow may give you time to react. Right whales can be extremely hard to spot.



Post a lookout! Watch for black objects, whitewater, and splashes. Avoid boating in the dark, when visibility is poor, or in rough seas.



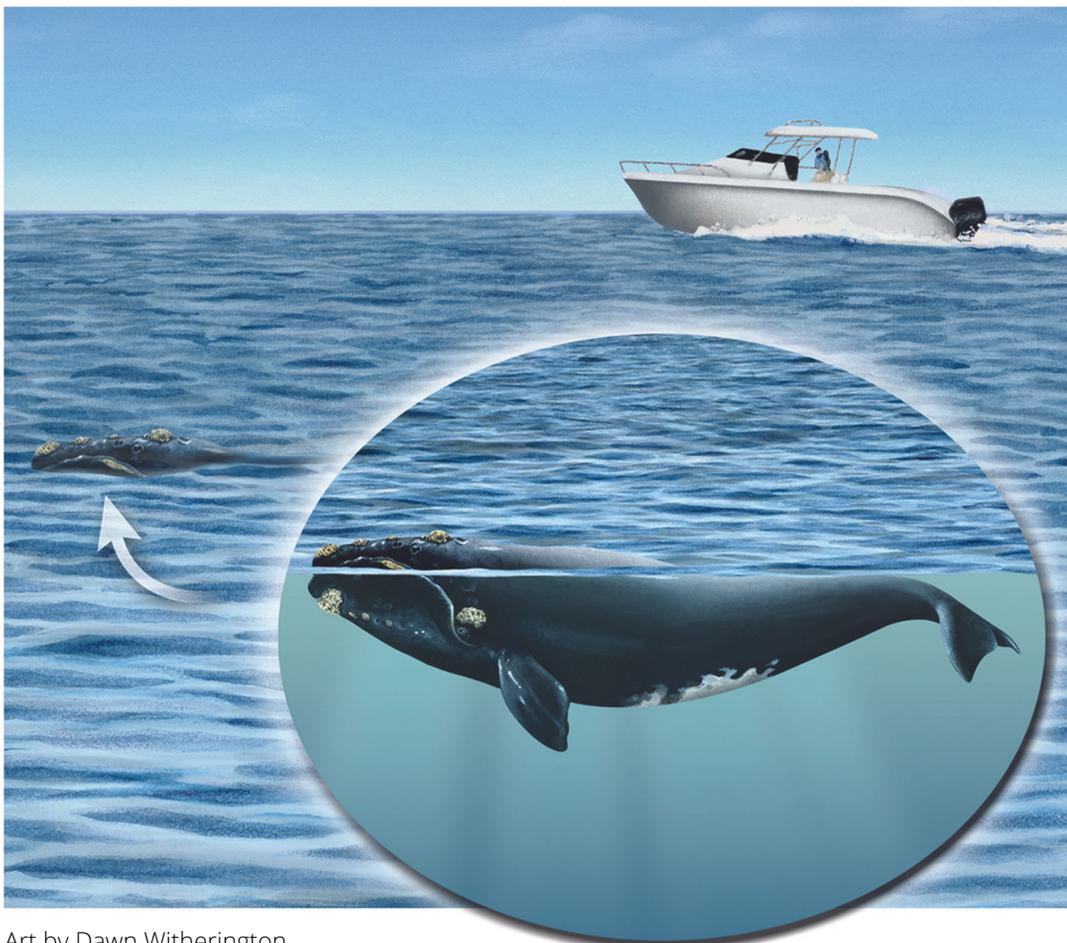
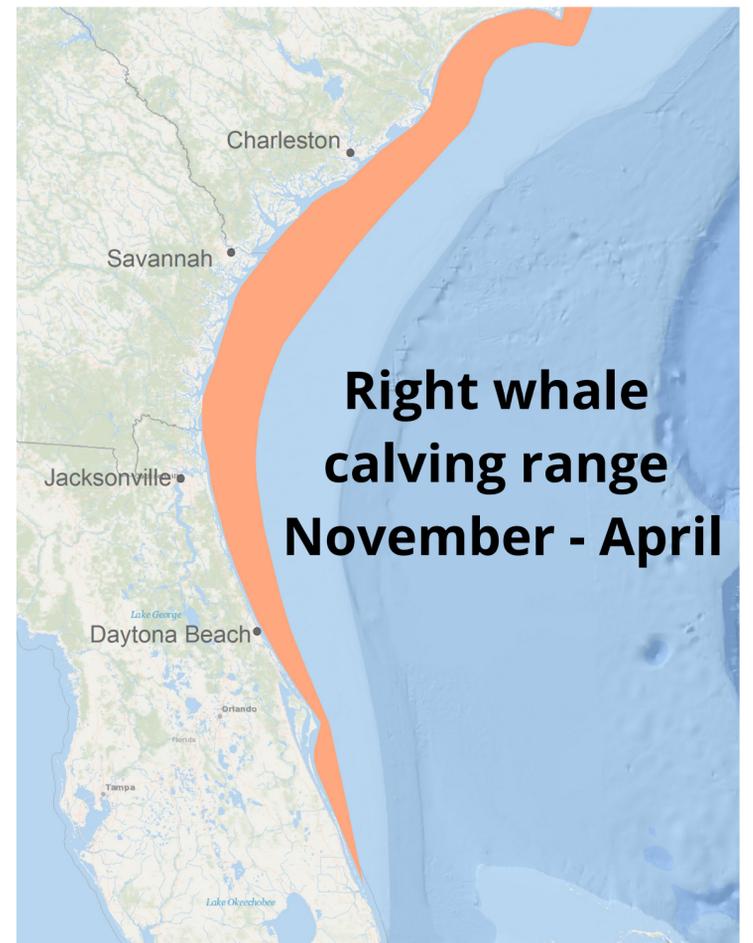
Use the Whale Alert app to know if whales have recently been sighted or reported in your area.



Keep at least 500 yards from right whales (it's the law).



Report whale sightings & collisions immediately to the U.S. Coast Guard on marine VHF Ch. 16 or call 1-877-WHALE-HELP (942-5343).



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With about 370 left, North Atlantic Right Whales are one of the world's most endangered large whale species. They spend much of their time just below the surface and can top 50 feet long and 100,000 pounds. Collisions have caused costly damage to boats, put passengers and crew at risk, and injured and killed right whales.

Don't let this happen to you



Florida, 2021. 54-ft Jarrett Bay. Total loss (\$1.2 million). Calf killed, mother seriously injured.

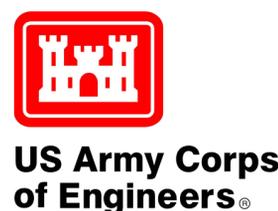
Georgia, 2005. 43-ft Grand Banks. Damages unconfirmed (est.: \$10,000). Whale killed.



South Carolina, 2009. 30-ft Pursuit. \$150,000 in damages. Uncertain if whale survived.



For more information:
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