



Environmental Institute of Houston - University of Houston, Clear Lake

Galveston Bay Dolphin Monitoring Program

Dolphins are protected from harassment under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Always follow these viewing guidelines when observing wild dolphins:

- Always Observe Dolphins from a safe distance of at least 50 Yards
Turn off your motor or remain in neutral when at all possible while observing dolphins
Limit Viewing time to no more than 30 minutes
Avoid circling or entrapping dolphins between watercrafts or watercraft and shore
Avoid abrupt movements or loud noises around dolphins
Avoid separating mother/calf pairs; give more space / leave the area if small calves are present
Move away cautiously if behaviors indicate the animal is stressed or disturbed
NEVER TOUCH, SWIM WITH, OR FEED WILD DOLPHINS, EVEN IF THEY APPROACH YOU

IF YOU OBSERVE A STRANDED OR INJURED DOLPHIN CALL 1-800-9-MAMMAL

Name: Phone: Email:

* Record data for each separate group of dolphins sighted; Number sightings in numerical order, starting at 1 for each new day; Always circle measurement units

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Time: Location Description:
Estimated # of Dolphins: Water Temperature: Depth:
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