

Ceredigion Marine Code

In general keep a good look out and keep your distance. Do not approach marine mammals, let them come to you. Headlands and reefs such as Mwnt, Aberporth, Ynys Lochtyn, New Quay and Sarn Cynfelyn are very important feeding areas for dolphins and porpoises; take extra care to travel slowly and not to disturb animals in these areas. Please operate all boats with care and attention for the safety of occupants and respect for all other sea users. Do not discard litter or fishing tackle at sea.

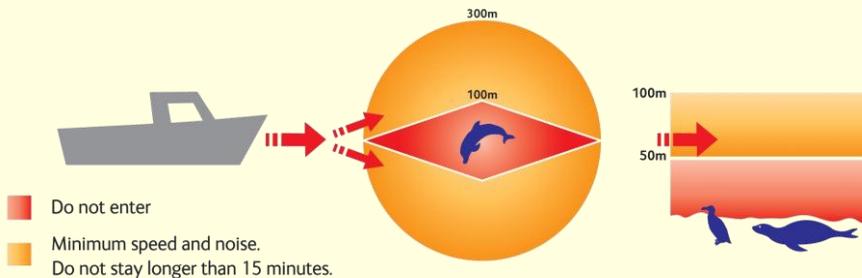
Dolphins, Porpoises & Seals

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).
- Avoid any unnecessary noise near the animals.

Birds

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



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.

Note that Ceredigion 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 Ceredigion Marine Code. Deliberate or reckless disturbance of any protected species (such as dolphins) is a criminal offence

