

Right Whales
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Right whales are active in coastal and offshore waters. It is illegal to approach or stay within 500 yards of right whales. Mandatory and voluntary speed restrictions of 10 knots apply to vessels 65 feet or longer in specific areas of the U.S. East Coast, but all vessels are urged to slow in these areas.

Refer to Section VII of your Local Notices to Mariners, <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/local-notice-to-mariners?district=1+0&subdistrict=n>, for Active Slow Zones and Dynamic Management Areas. You can visit NOAA's website to learn more and sign up for notifications about seasonal management areas and right whale slow zones. You can also follow on X @NOAAFish_GARFO. You can see the latest sightings on <https://whalemap.org>.

Please report sightings of dead, injured, or entangled whales to 877-942-5343 or to the U.S. Coast Guard on channel 16.