

NOTICE FROM: NOAA NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

CAREFUL!! Bottlenose Dolphins Present



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ADMIRE THEM FROM A DISTANCE

- **The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)** prohibits the “taking” of marine mammals. The term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill, or feed, or attempt any of the activities. Northeast regional guidelines for safe dolphin watching apply: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/MMWatch/protectdolphins.htm
- **DO NOT APPROACH:** Resist the urge to get close or interact with the dolphins.
- **DO NOT TOUCH:** Marine mammals carry diseases which may be transmissible to humans.
- **DO NOT GET INTO THE WATER**
- **DO NOT FEED THE DOLPHINS:** The dolphins need to keep their hunting skills sharp and needs time to eat uninterrupted.
- **DO NOT INTERFERE WITH NATURAL BEHAVIORS:** Move away slowly if you cannot avoid the dolphins.

We encourage you to observe them from a distance of at least 50 yards. Please use binoculars or telephoto lenses to get a closer view.

Report injured or stranded dolphins to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center at 609-266-0538

Violators subject to prosecution and fines up to \$10,000