



CRITICAL SIGHTINGS PROGRAM ***“CRISP” PLACARD***



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The Critical Sightings Program (**CRISP**) placard has been developed to facilitate more comprehensive and real-time reporting of offshore sightings of right whales, and entangled or dead whales of any species. The placard was designed primarily for use by the U.S. Coast Guard. However, it is available to other federal and state agencies whose activities are likely to encounter marine mammals, including the Department of Defense Marine Mammal Awareness Program (where the placard is posted on their website). The placard is not intended for use by merchant or other civilian vessels.

The placard is laminated with information on both sides about reporting strategies and identifying whales. We have an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard to keep the placard on the bridge of all Coast Guard vessels and Coast Guard Stations from Maine to Texas. The placard is also being distributed to any interested state and research organizations.

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