



## DOLPHIN SMART TRAINING WORKSHOP

**Purpose:** To ensure all participants receiving recognition through the Dolphin SMART program are trained to a minimum knowledge standard.

**Objectives:**

- (1) Ensure participants understand the Dolphin SMART criteria;
- (2) Provide participants with background information on the Marine Mammal Protection Act and other pertinent regulations;
- (3) Ensure participants understand guidelines and standards for responsibly viewing dolphins;
- (4) Ensure participants understand how to responsibly advertise for their businesses;
- (5) Provide participants with an understanding of and ability to recognize normal wild dolphin behaviors versus signs indicating disturbance;
- (6) Provide participants with information about local research on wild dolphin populations;
- (7) Ensure participants have information to provide training to their captain and crewmembers; and
- (8) Ensure participants have information to provide appropriate education messages to their customers.

Time	Session	Presenter
5 minutes	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Review agenda and training objectives</li> </ol> <p>Total: 5 minutes</p>	Program Partners
20 minutes	<p><b>Program Overview</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reasons for initiating program</li> <li>2. Program mission, goals, and objectives</li> <li>3. Criteria</li> <li>4. Application/renewal process</li> <li>5. Evaluation process</li> <li>6. Participation incentives</li> <li>7. Responsibilities – participant and</li> </ol>	Cheva Heck and Celeste Weimer

	<p>sponsors</p> <p>8. Questions (5 min)</p> <p>Total: 20 minutes</p>	
45 minutes	<p><b>MMPA Overview</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review pertinent Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibitions and regulations</li> <li>2. Review MMPA permits/exemptions</li> <li>3. Review and discuss penalties associated with MMPA violations</li> <li>4. Provide information on how to report violations</li> <li>5. Vicarious liability</li> <li>6. Review and explain other pertinent regulations, such as USCG and Truth and Advertising Laws</li> <li>7. Questions (15 minutes)</li> </ol> <p>Total: 45 minutes</p>	Rick Hawkins
20 minutes	<p><b>How to Responsibly View</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review viewing guidelines outlined in the program criteria</li> <li>2. Discuss additional techniques for maximizing viewing while minimizing disturbance</li> <li>3. Questions (5 minutes)</li> </ol> <p>Total: 20 minutes</p>	Stacey Carlson
20 minutes	<p><b>How to Responsibly Advertise</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and discuss advertising guidelines outlined in program criteria</li> <li>2. Questions (5 minutes)</li> </ol> <p>Total: 20 minutes</p>	Kristin Thoms
15 minutes	<b>BREAK</b>	
20 minutes	<p><b>Evaluation Process</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review how success of program will be measured</li> <li>2. Discuss mechanisms for ensuring program criteria are being followed</li> <li>3. Questions (10 minutes)</li> </ol> <p>Total: 20 minutes</p>	Celeste Weimer
90 minutes	<p><b>Dolphin Research and What We Have Learned</b></p>	Dr. Amy Samuels and

	1. Review Shark Bay 1. Provide information on local wild dolphin research in Key West 2. Discuss natural behaviors and those vulnerable to disturbance 3. Fun facts about local dolphins 4. Questions (30 minutes)  Total: 90 minutes	Laura Engleby
	<b>Closing</b>	Program Partners