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Florida - Dolphin SMART Program Recognizes Responsible Businesses

NOAA's Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA Fisheries Service and their partners have accepted a fourth charter operator into a program created to help protect wild dolphins in the Florida Keys. *Sea Bear Aquatic Adventures* officially joined the *Dolphin SMART* program after successfully meeting standards that promote responsible viewing of dolphins in the wild. The acronym "SMART" is a reminder of the basic principles of dolphin viewing etiquette:

- Stay at least 50 yards from dolphins,
- Move away slowly if the dolphins show signs of disturbance,
- Always put your vessel engine in neutral when dolphins are near,
- Refrain from feeding, touching or swimming with wild dolphins,
- Teach others to be Dolphin SMART.

Dolphin SMART-approved charters receive flags and stickers and permission to use the *Dolphin SMART* logo in their advertising. Each year, participants are evaluated to ensure they continue to meet program standards.

For more information, visit the [Dolphin SMART website](#) or contact Megan Harber at 305-809-4700.

WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS