



PHOTOGRAPHER Checklist

REGISTER for survey

COORDINATE Survey Logistics with Team Leader: date, time, location, boat restrictions, storage availability, weather, etc.

BEFORE GOING ON THE BOAT

- Check your battery
- Clean your lens
- Make sure to have protection from sea spray and rain
- Check your settings – optimize for conditions
- Remove filters
- If it's hot outside & camera has been in AC, expose it to outside air early in the morning.
- Set digital camera for highest quality JPEGs – NOT RAW
- Set digital camera to single shot, not burst or bracketed

ON the BOAT with Survey Team:

Go over.... checklist with Team.
 safety information

ON SURVEY

- Take a picture of the Event sheet with completed heading
- Take usable dorsal fin images. Multiples are OK
- Sharp focus is critical
- Try to get Left and Right sides of same dorsal fin
- Fill as much of the frame as possible. Total fin should be out of the water.
- Communicate with Skipper and Team Leader to optimize the best shots
- Multiple photographers should focus on different dolphins
- Take shots of damage, scarring and unusual behavior
- Try not to photograph into the sun
- Take a shot of the Event Sheet after the data for that sighting has been entered

QUALITY – not Quantity

END of SURVEY

- Team Leader will collect your film or digital card
- Complete Evaluation Form – return to TL

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