



The Dolphin Project
SKIPPER Checklist

REGISTER for survey

ZONE CHARTS -Download & Print from website. Estimate time from dock to zone.

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

BEFORE LEAVING DOCK, double check the Boat for...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchors and lines | <input type="checkbox"/> Distress flares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle | <input type="checkbox"/> PDF's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound device | <input type="checkbox"/> Throwable Lifesaving Device |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Depth Finder | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charts | <input type="checkbox"/> Test Engine | |

ON the BOAT with Survey Team:

- Go over....
- checklist with Team.
 - safety information
 - weather
 - zone chart
 - bathroom plans
 - any vessel restrictions, etc.

SURVEY

Safety of your Team and the dolphins are your primary responsibility.

- Know the area tides and shallows
- Begin Zone at 0900. Follow Zone Chart
- Always operate the boat for the Team's safety and comfort.
- ON EFFORT – Travel at 10-15 mph depending on how boat planes.
 - Never approach a dolphin at high speed.
 - If dolphin is agitated, (tail slapping or excessive chuffing), STOP the approach
- **TRADITIONAL SURVEY – Follow MMPA regulations. Keep 50 yd distance. Do not approach dolphins. Do not turn to follow dolphins.**
- **PHOTO-ID PERMIT SURVEY**
 - Approach dolphin at an oblique angle and then run parallel to dolphin at safe distance so as not to endanger or harass dolphin.
 - Cruise with dolphin at dolphin speed.
 - If dolphin is traveling but submerges, you may proceed beyond where dolphin is expected to surface and wait in idle or neutral.
 - If dolphin is close to the boat or you are unsure of dolphin's location, put boat in idle or neutral.
 - NEVER go between dolphins.
- Skippers have the authority to end the survey due to bad weather or potential danger to the team and/or boat.
- Complete the Evaluation Form at the end of survey. Return to Team Leader