**In the last 5 years, have you regularly operated, or been a passenger, on a motorized or unmotorized recreational vessel in the ocean off the coast of British Columbia?**

-Y/N

**When boating recreationally, are you more often the:**

-Boat operator (57%)

- Passenger (21%)

-Equal amount as boat operator and passenger (22%)

-Not sure (<1%)

**What type of vessel do you most often use when boating recreationally off the coast of British Columbia?**

-Motorized vessel under 8 metres (26 feet) (32%)

-Motorized vessel over 8 metres (26 feet) (19%)

-Self-propelled vessel (canoe, kayak, paddleboard, etc.) (31%)

-Sailboat (16%)

-Personal watercraft (sea-doos, jet skis, waverunners) (2%)

-Rowboat or dinghy (unmotorized) (<1%)

**How many years of experience do you have with this type of vessel?**

-5 years or less (24%)

-6 - 10 years (19%)

-11 - 15 years (11%)

-More than 15 years (46%)

**Where do you regularly go on this type of vessel? Please select all that apply.**

-None of the above

-Southeast Vancouver Island (Salish Sea: Comox to Sooke) (SEVI)

-Northeast Vancouver Island (Comox to the north end of Vancouver Island) (NEVI)

-Southwest Vancouver Island (Barkley Sound, Clayoquot Sound and surrounding areas) (SWVI)

-Central Coast of British Columbia (CC)

-Haida Gwaii (HG)

-North Coast of British Columbia (NC)

-Washington State (USA)

-Alaska (USA)

-Other (please specify) (Other)

**Which of the following certifications and/or licences do you have? Please select all that apply.**

**I do not have any certifications/licenses.**

-Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)

-Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP)

-Marine Emergency Duties (MED A1, A2 and/or A3)

-Professional mariner certification (e.g. Master Limited 60 gross ton)

-Not sure

-Other (please specify the name of the license/certification)

**1]** **What is the legal distance that all recreational boaters are to stay away from Orca/Killer Whales in the coastal waters of southern British Columbia (the area from Cape Mudge to Ucluelet)?**

-100m

-200m

-300m

-400m

-500m

-1000m

-1000+m

-unsure

**2]** **What is the legal distance that all recreational boaters are to stay away from Orca/Killer Whales in all other British Columbian waters?**

-100m

-200m

-300m

-400m

-500m

-1000m

-1000+m

-unsure

**3]** **What is the legal distance that all recreational boaters are to stay away from a mother Humpback Whale and her calf in all British Columbian waters?**

-100m

-200m

-300m

-400m

-500m

-1000m

-1000+m

-unsure

**4]** **Which of the flags shown below is the Whale Warning Flag, raised by boaters when whales are in the area signalling that other vessels should increase vigilance and reduce speed? <https://surveymonkey-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/survey/511498106/rte/37724506-790c-4e4c-b25f-9b60171d6838.png>**

A

B

C

D

**5]** **True or false: Attempting to swim with a marine mammal is illegal in Canada.**

True

False

Unsure

**6] True or false: Flying a drone near a marine mammal is illegal in Canada**

True

False

Unsure

**7] True or false: It is the law that boat operators must immediately report any accidental contact with a marine mammal (collision or entanglement in fishing gear) to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).**

True

False

Unsure

**8] The number for the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Incident Reporting Line is 1-800-465-4336. It is also known as the Observe Record Report phone number. What are the purposes of this reporting line? Please select all that apply.**

Reporting violations of the Marine Mammal Regulations

Reporting collision with marine mammals

Reporting when you find a dead marine mammal

Reporting entangled marine mammals

Reporting fishing violations

Reporting sightings of live marine mammals

None of the above

Not sure

**9] Which of the following are true for Humpback Whales off the coast of British Columbia. Please select all that apply.**

Humpback Whales can be resting just below the surface

Humpback Whales can unexpectedly surface after long dives

Aggregations of birds can indicate that Humpback Whales may be in the area

Humpback Whales can be oblivious that boats are near, even when boats make a lot of noise

Humpback Whales migrate to warm water to feed

There are fewer Humpback Whales than there were 10 years ago

None of the above

Not sure

**10] Which of the following statements are true about reducing disturbance to marine mammals. Please select all that apply.**

The noise a motorized vessel makes is generally less at lower speed

Vessels should slow to 7 knots or less when 200 metres from a whale

Travelling at lower speed decreases the likelihood of collision with a whale

The presence of vessels (motorized and unmotorized) adds to the other stresses marine mammals experience

Kayaks do not have to stay as far away from marine mammals as motorized vessels

None of the above

Not sure

**11] Why is it so important NOT to remove any fishing gear or rope from the whale? Please select all that apply.**

-People have died as a result of attempting to disentangle whales

-It may be far more difficult, or even impossible, for trained responders to remove remaining rope or fishing gear

-Specialised equipment and training are needed for the whale to have the best chance of survival

-It will be more difficult to recognize that that whale is entangled if the rope or fishing gear at the surface is removed

-It is illegal

-Not sure

-Entanglement is not dangerous for whales

-None of the above

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**If you see an entangled whale, the most important thing to do is to make sure the whale can be found by immediately reporting the entanglement with location to the DFO Incident Reporting Line or to Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16.**

Reported sightings using the WhaleReport App (46%)

Provided photos to organizations that catalogue whales Reported violations to DFO via the Incident (37%) Reporting Line or VHF Channel 16 (36%)

Reported dead or distressed marine mammals via the Incident Reporting Line or VHF Channel 16 (24%)

Other (14%)

Have you seen or heard of the See a Blow? Go Slow! campaign? This is the logo for the campaign. <https://surveymonkey-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/survey/511498106/rte/4c35ee63-3a3f-4607-bdd8-02c33e5321a9.png>

Where do you remember seeing or hearing about the See a Blow? Go Slow! campaign? Please select all that apply.

Campaign website (www.SeeABlowGoSlow.org)

Signage at marinas, boat ramps, etc.

News stories, articles or radio segments

Social media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

Presentations or workshops

Word of mouth

Not sure

Other (please specify)

Did seeing or hearing information from the See a Blow? Go Slow! campaign increase your understanding about boater safety and the laws and best practices for operating vessels in areas with marine mammals?

Have you ever reported sightings of marine mammals and/or violations of the laws (Canada Marine Mammal Regulations or Management Measures for Southern Resident Killer Whales)?

Where have you reported sightings of marine mammals and/or violations of the laws? Please select all that apply.

I have reported sightings using the WhaleReport App

I have provided photos to organizations that catalogue whales (e.g., I have sent Humpback photos to members of the Canadian Pacific Humpback Collaboration)

I have reported violations to DFO via the Incident Reporting Line or VHF Channel 16

I have reported dead or distressed marine mammals via the Incident Reporting Line or VHF Channel 16

Other (please specify)

How would you rank your confidence in identifying different marine mammals species in BC waters?

**Do any of the following influence whether you adhere to the boating laws and best practices around marine mammals? Please select all that apply.**

None of the above

I don’t know where to look up the laws and best practices

It is difficult to remember the laws for different species, vessel types and/or areas

It is difficult to recognize different marine mammal species and, therefore, which laws apply

It is difficult to know if a whale, dolphin or porpoise is resting and/or if there are mothers and calves present

I don’t agree with some of the laws and/or best practices

I don’t believe I am having an impact on marine mammals

The information is confusing

I am pressured by others not to comply with the laws or follow best practices

The information was not provided as part of my boater training

I do not believe I will be charged if I do not obey the laws

Other (please specify)