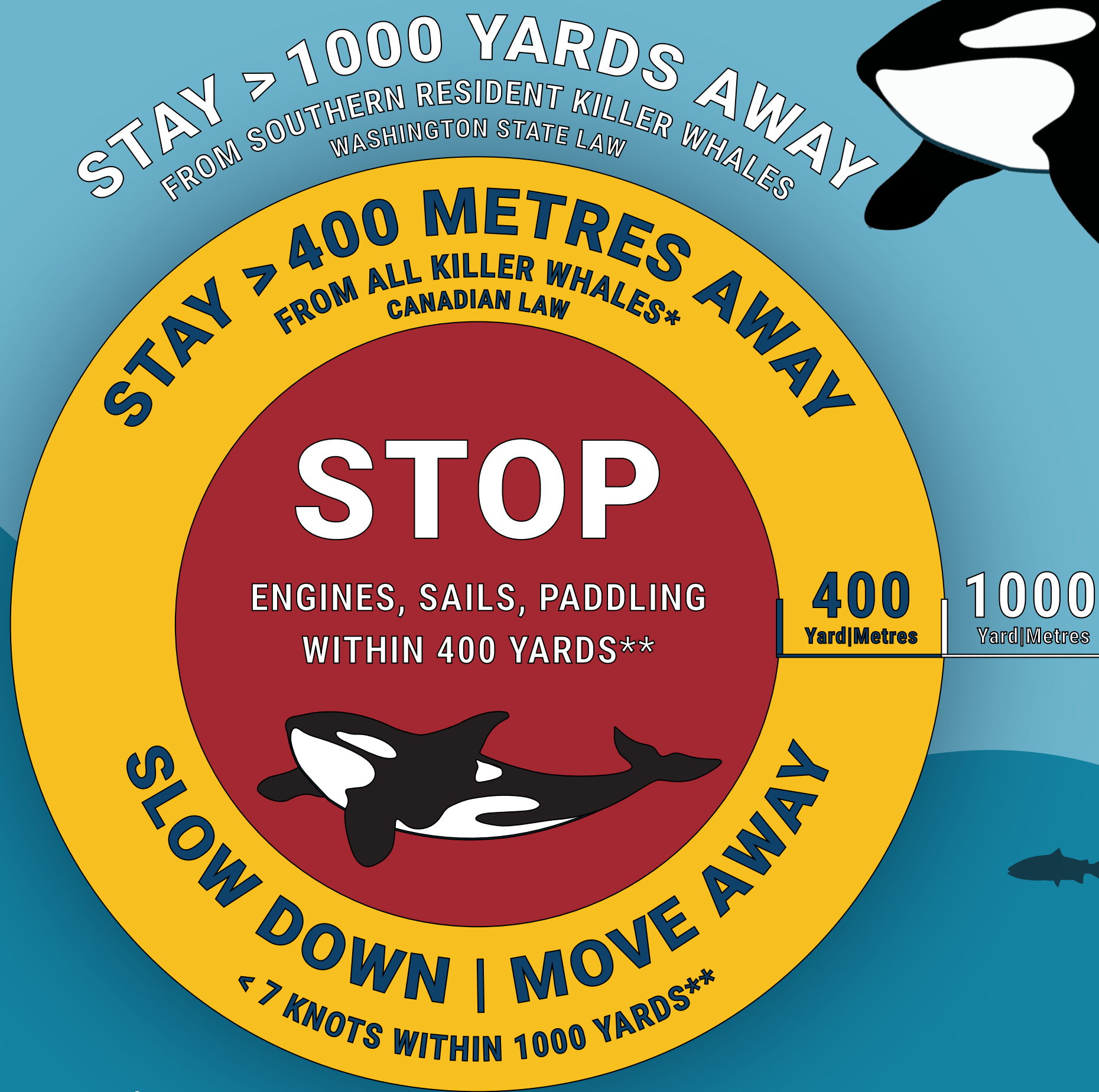


# Be Whale Wise

## Marine Wildlife Laws and Guidelines



\*In BC Waters between Campbell River and Ucluelet

\*\*Law in Washington State, Guideline in Canada

## TRANS-BOUNDARY GUIDELINES IN U.S. AND CANADIAN WATERS

### KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

Educate yourself on local marine life and regulations before getting underway.

**BE ALERT and CAUTIOUS** on the water.

**LOOK IN ALL DIRECTIONS** and **ALWAYS GO SLOW (<7 knots)** when around any marine wildlife.

**PLACE ENGINE** into neutral and allow animals space to pass.

**BE PREPARED** to move away or shut down if nearby animals change course.

**DO NOT** position your vessel in front or behind wildlife.

**STAY** on the **OFFSHORE** side of all wildlife.

**AVOID** moving through and disturbing groups of any marine animal.

**LIMIT** any wildlife viewing time to 30 minutes or less.

**NEVER** approach an animal in distress.

### DID YOU SEE A WHALE?

Help fellow boaters by flying your Whale Warning Flag and reporting any sightings!

Contact your local marine mammal response network to report a sick, stranded, entangled, or dead marine animal.

When in **BC waters**: 1-800-465-4336

When in **WA State waters**: 1-877-933-9847

In **both**: VHF Channel 16

Learn more at:

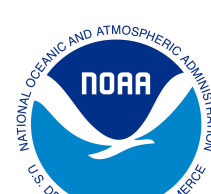
[BeWhaleWise.org/  
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The whale warning flag lets you know that whales are in the area. It is a reminder to slow down and be prepared to adjust course.

Stay up to date about marine mammal regulations

and how you can Be Whale Wise at: [bewhalewise.org](http://bewhalewise.org)



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