



LIST OF EVENTS & MANNED WATCHES NATIONAL WHALE & DOLPHIN WATCH 2011

The following list includes all of the land and boat based watches that will be taking place during National Whale and Dolphin Watch 2011. The data collected during these watches will be sent to Sea Watch for analysis. Everyone is welcome to join these watches where there will be information on cetaceans and Sea Watch activities available. Land watches are free but charges apply for boat trips, contact the operator for further details. Watches may be weather dependent.

Keep checking this page as new events will continue to be added. If you would like to do a timed watch either from land or sea contact:

sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk or call 01545 561227.

ORKNEY

Species you can see: Minke whale, long finned pilot whale, killer whale, Risso's dolphin, white beaked dolphin, Atlantic white sided dolphin, harbour porpoise.

Land based



Hoxa Head, South Ronaldsay

7th August 1600-1900

Contact: **Jenni Kakkonen** 01856 781206 or Jenni.Kakkonen@orkney.gov.uk

Boat based



SeaOrkney

Wildlife trips from the North Isles for up to four passengers, tailored to suit customers wishes.

Contact **Kenny Sinclair** 01856 861335 / 07808811819 or merryfisher@hotmail.co.uk
<http://www.seaorkney.co.uk>

NORTH & NORTH EAST SCOTLAND

Species you can see: Risso's dolphin, harbour porpoise, killer whale, white beaked dolphin, long finned pilot whale, short beaked common dolphin.



Holborn Head, Thurso, Caithness

5th August 1200-1400

Contact **Colin Bird** 01593 721480 or ColinB51@aol.com



Trinke, Wick, Caithness

6th August 1600-1800

Contact **Colin Bird** 01593 721480 or ColinB51@aol.com



Swiney Hill, Thurso, Caithness

7th August 1800-2000

Contact **Colin Bird** 01593 721480 or ColinB51@aol.com



Swiney Hill, Thurso, Caithness - Meet at Waterlines car park, Lybster

8th August - 1100

Learn about whales and dolphins of the Caithness coast. Telescope provided, bring binoculars.

Contact: **Marina Swanson** 01955607758 or marina.swanson@highland.gov.uk

MORAY FIRTH

Species you can see: Bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise, minke whale, short beaked common dolphin.

Land based



South Sutor of Cromarty - Car park at the top of the hill of South Sutor.

5th August 1000 – 1200 hrs

6th August 1000 – 1200 hrs

7th August 1000 – 1200 hrs

Contact: **Howard Loates** 01463221312 or howardloates@talktalk.net



Burghead - Old Coastguard Lookout

6th August 1400 – 1700 hrs

Contact: **Alan Airey** 01309675689 or al_airey@hotmail.co.uk

Boat based



Ecoventures

Dolphin cruises on custom-built ribs taking up to 12 passengers (day trips) leaving from Cromarty

Contact: **Robyn Haugh** 01381 600323 or info@ecoventures.co.uk
<http://www.ecoventures.co.uk>

SOUTH GRAMPIAN

Species you can see: Bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise, minke whale, white-beaked dolphin

Land based



Bullers of Buchan, Aberdeenshire

5th August – 0930-1230



Girdleness, Aberdeenshire

7th August – 1400-1600

Contact: **Kevin Hepworth** 07818680129 or grampianseawatch@yahoo.co.uk

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND

Species you can see: Bottlenose dolphin, harbour porpoise, minke whale.

Land based



St Abb's Head, Berwickshire – Outside lighthouse compound

7th August 1100-1600 hrs

Come and join the Rangers who will be scanning the sea for whales and dolphins as part of National Whale and Dolphin Watch Week. The Rangers will be watching from St Abb's Head, outside the lighthouse compound, turn up any time and help them search. Free, all welcome and no booking required.

Contact: **Georgia Conolly** (018907) 71443 or gconolly@nts.org.uk

SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND

Species you can see: Harbour porpoise, short-beaked common dolphin, bottlenose dolphin, minke whale

Land based



Burrow Head

7th August 1100-1500

Watch point lies on the coastal footpath from Isle of Whithorn to Burrow Head/St Ninians Cave. Parking available at Burrowhead Holiday Village (please let reception know on arrival). From Burrowhead Holiday Park – c.3/4 mile, 15-20 min walk. From Isle of Whithorn - c.2.5 miles, 55min walk.

Contact: **Mark Pollitt** 01387 249207 or mpollitt@dgerc.org.uk

HEBRIDES & WEST SCOTLAND

Species you can see: Harbour porpoise, minke whale, bottlenose dolphin, short-beaked common dolphin, killer whale, humpback whale, Risso's dolphin

Land based



Cailleach Point, Mull

6th August 1100-1400

Contact: **Sandra Koetter, HWDT** 01688 302859 or sightings@hwdt.org



Butt of Lewis Lighthouse, Lewis

6th August 1000-1230

Contact: **Julie Sievwright** 07979 947664 or sievster@hotmail.com

Boat based



Sea Fari Adventures

Two daily half day wildlife watching day trips will be run from Armadale Pier, Isle of Skye

Contact: **Peter Fowler** 01471 833316 / 822361 or skyeseafari@aol.com
<http://www.whalespotting.co.uk>

 **Sea-life Adventures**

A five hour whale and wildlife trips aboard the purpose built 850 horsepower "Porpoise II" on the West Coast of Scotland near Oban in Argyll. 10% discount for anybody mentioning SWF or NWDW, for any time except July and August.

Contact: **David Ainsley** 01631 571010 (Day) 01852 300203 (Eve and W/ends) or info@sealife-adventures.com
<http://www.sealife-adventures.com>

 **MV Sheerwater**


Departs daily from Arisaig Marina. Booking essential. Trips to the islands of Eigg, Muck or Rum.

Contact: **Susan Grant** 01687 450224 or info@arisaig.co.uk or www.arisaig.co.uk

NORTH WEST SCOTLAND

Species you can see: Harbour porpoise, minke whale, short-beaked common dolphin, fin whale, killer whale.

Land based

 **Handa Island** - Meet at the visitor's shelter
9th August 1030

Come and spend a few hours with the Scottish Wildlife Trust's ranger on the spectacular cliffs of Handa watching for whales and dolphins. The watch will begin at 10:30 from the visitor's shelter although people can join us at the watch location throughout the day. The day will involve a 2 mile (4 miles there and back) walk to the cliffs where the watches will take place.

Contact: **Handa Ranger**, 07920 468572 or handaranger@swt.org.uk

 **Gairloch Marine Life Centre & Cruises**, Pier Road IV21 2BQ
5th August 1000
6th August 1000
7th August 1000

Binoculars and Id guides provided

Contact: **Ian and Sam French**, Gairloch Marine Wildlife Centre & Cruises, 01445 712636 or info@porpoise-gairloch.co.uk
<http://www.porpoise-gairloch.co.uk>



Stoer Lighthouse in Assynt, Sutherland NC003 330 - Meet at Stoer Hall, NC041 297.
6th August 1400-1600

Watching from the lighthouse cliffs to search for passing cetaceans.

10th August 1400-1700

We will start with a slide show at Stoer Hall all about whales and dolphins. Then watching from the lighthouse cliffs to search for passing cetaceans.

Contact: **Andy Summers** 01571 844654 or andy.summers@highland.gov.uk

Boat based



Gairloch Marine Life Centre & Cruises

Two hour vessel based surveys daily with a qualified marine biologist throughout the week at 10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm and 5:00pm £20 adults £10 under 18's

Contact: **Ian and Sam French, Gairloch Marine Wildlife Centre & Cruises**, 01445 712636 or info@porpoise-gairloch.co.uk
<http://www.porpoise-gairloch.co.uk>



Hebridean Whale Cruises

One or two hour wildlife cruises.

Contact: **Nick Davies** 01445 712458 or nick999davies@hotmail.com
www.hebridean-whale-cruises.com/pages/01_see.php



North West Cruises

One, two and three hour cruises. Full day charter also available.

Contact: **Jody McNeil** 07795481765 or northwestcruises1@hotmail.co.uk
www.northwestcruises.co.uk