



VESSEL-BASED EFFORT RECORDING FORM

RECORD AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. BUT REMEMBER THAT EVEN PARTIAL DATA MAY BE HELPFUL!

Day/Month/Year _____ Vessel: _____ Route From: _____ To: _____

No. of Obs. on Dedicated Search	Contact Name/Address:	Tel/E-mail:
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Start Time ☐ GMT ☐ BST **End Time** **Total Time** **Obs. height Above Sea Level (m)** **Field of View:** 180° fwd; 90°L; 90°R; 360° (tick)

Location: record every 15 minutes

Vessel Details

Environmental Conditions

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DATA DEFINITIONS: *use categories provided where possible*

Continue on separate sheet if necessary

Time: 24-hour clock; specify GMT or BST

Location: record position (as degrees and decimal minutes, if necessary) every 15 minutes or when course changes

Vessel Details: record bearing (as deg. magnetic), speed (in knots, if available) and whether primarily under motor or sail during the 15-minute period

Effort Type: DS = Dedicated Search; LT = Line Transect; CW = Casual Watch; ID = Photo ID

Sea State: 0 = mirror calm; 1 = slight ripples, no foam crests; 2 = small wavelets, glassy crests, but no whitecaps; 3 = large wavelets, crests begin to break, few whitecaps; 4 = longer waves, many whitecaps; 5 = moderate waves of longer form, some spray; 6 = large waves, whitecaps everywhere, frequent spray; 7 = sea heaps up, white foam blows in streaks; 8 = long, high waves edges breaking, foam blows in streaks; 9 = high waves, sea begins to roll, dense foam streaks

Swell Height: Light = <1 m: Moderate = 1-2 m: Heavy = >2 m

Visibility: <1 km: 1-5 km: 6-10 km: >10 km

Sighting Reference: Refer to No. on Sighting Record Form

Boat Activity: Record No of each and type within 5 km: NB = No boats, VE = unspecified vessel, YA = yacht, RB = row boat or kayak, JS = jet ski, SPB =

speed boat, VPB = visitor passenger boat; MB = motorboat (unspecified), FI = fishing boat, FE = ferry, LS = large ship, SV = seismic vessel, WA = warship

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