

Caution Mariners

Help Avoid Collisions and Entanglements with Right Whales

The North Atlantic Right Whale is Critically Endangered

Right whales are protected in Canadian waters under the *Species at Risk Act*. Right whales can be injured or killed by collisions with vessels and entanglement in commercial fishing gear. **Please avoid close approaches.**

Right whales are difficult to see and are seldom aware of vessels or fishing gear. **Do not assume the whales will get out of your way or avoid fishing gear.** Where you see one right whale, there are likely more nearby.

If you see a right whale, please record the date, time and position and send the sighting and any photos to XMARwhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

For more info visit canadianwhaleinstitute.ca

For recent sightings visit: <https://whalemap.ocean.dal.ca/>

How to Identify a Right Whale:



V-shaped blow



Flippers: broad, black and spatula shaped

ADULT LENGTH MEASURES: 14-17 METRES, 40-50 FEET



No dorsal fin, smooth black back



Whitish growths on top and sides of head



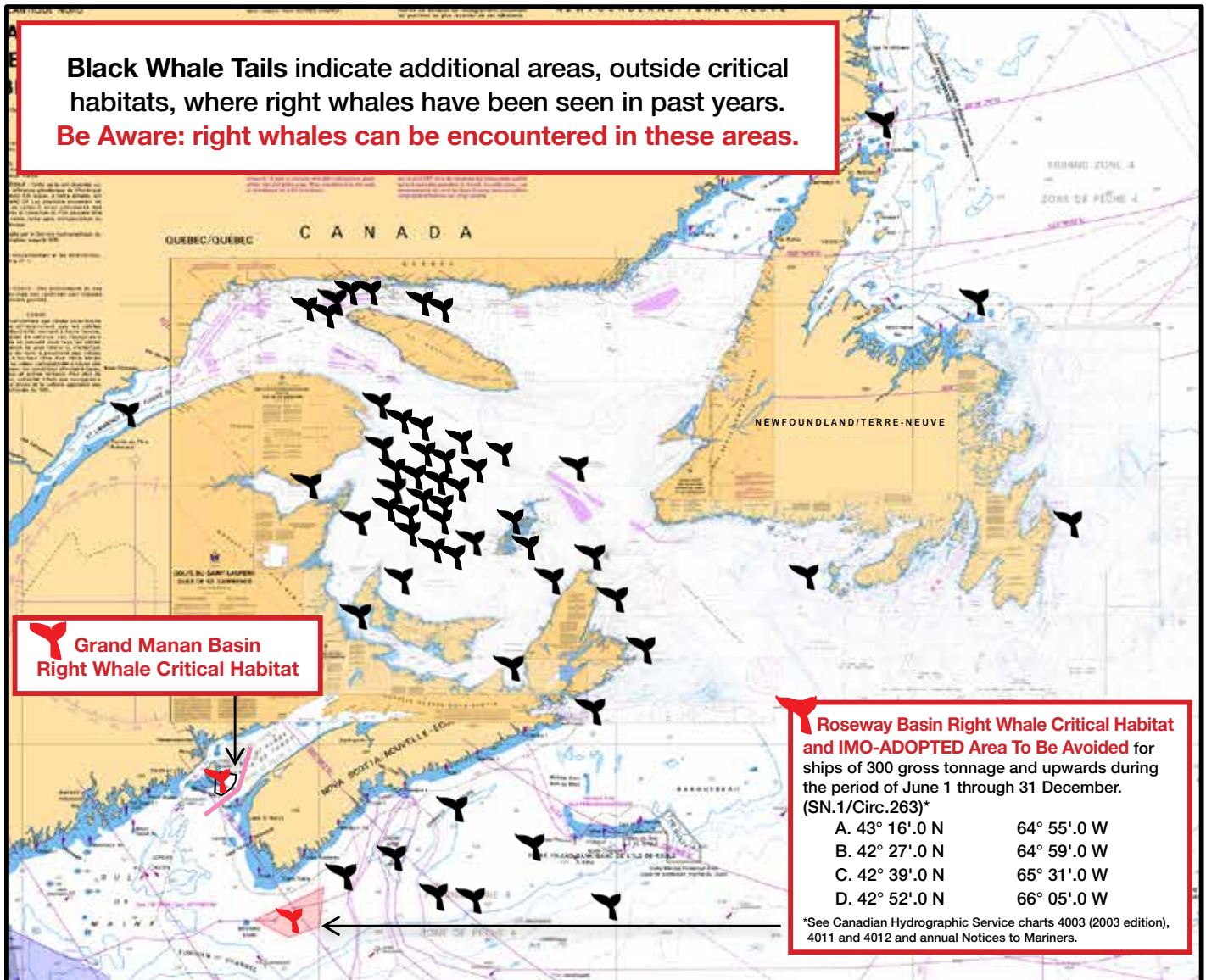
Tail: black, deeply notched, raised when diving



Can be in social groups of 5-30 whales

Right Whales in Eastern Canada

Right whales are found in these waters **from May through December**. They range from their critical habitats in the Grand Manan Basin, lower Bay of Fundy and Roseway Basin, south of Nova Scotia, across the Scotian Shelf, into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and in Newfoundland waters.



If You See an Injured, Entangled or Dead Whale Please Report It to:

Organization	Response Area	Hotline
Marine Animal Response Society	New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island	866-567-6277
Urgences Mammifères Marins	Quebec	877-722-5346
Whale Release and Strandings	Newfoundland and Labrador	888-895-3003
Canadian Coast Guard	In Eastern Canada via radio on VHF Channel 16	800-565-1633

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**We thank you for your help and attention.
Working together we can make a difference
to right whale recovery.**