

CETACEANS AND PINNIPEDS (SOUTHERN NORTH SEA AND BEACHES ONLY)

As usual, most marine mammals were observed during ship-based surveys. The Recent Reports concentrate on the southern North Sea, but a series of whales and dolphins seen slightly further to the north in September is added this time. The waters off the east coast of Britain have been surveyed rather thoroughly this autumn, particularly in September, and a comparison of the number of cetaceans seen off Scotland (Aberdeen-Peterhead and off the Firth of Forth, CJC, JdO), and off (north-)eastern England (CJC, GOK, ML, RW) seems interesting enough.

Minke Whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata**

21	09	88	1	56°46 N, 01°31 W	off Aberdeen (CJC, JdO)
21	09	88	1	56°56 N, 01°31 W	off Aberdeen (CJC, JdO)

* see Sula 2(3):92-93.

Pilot Whale *Globicephala melaena*

04	09	88	10	51°20 N, 03°13 E	Zeebrugge (Belgium)(DBA)
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White-beaked Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus albirostris*

07	09	88	2	55°13 N, 00°49 W	off E England (ML,RW)
14	09	88	6	55°24 N, 00°52 W	off E England (ML,RW)
14	09	88	2	54°36 N, 00°11 W	off E England (ML,RW)
20	09	88	7	56°52 N, 00°11 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
20	09	88	5	57°22 N, 00°11 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
20	09	88	4	57°22 N, 00°11 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
20	09	88	6	57°16 N, 00°29 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO), 5 full grown and 1 calf, at the bow
20	09	88	5	56°55 N, 00°29 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
21	09	88	2	57°17 N, 01°30 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)

21 09 88	7	57°22 N, 01°31 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO), 6 full grown and 1 calf leaping clear out of the water
21 09 88	5	57°30 N, 01°31 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
22 09 88	3	55°32 N, 00°05 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
18 10 88	5	53°53 N, 04°38 E	35nm NW of Terschelling (CJC,GOK)

White-sided Dolphin Lagenorhynchus acutus

06 09 88	16	54°34 N, 00°22 W	off E England (ML,RW) three different pods of 8, 6 and 2 individuals
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Harbour Porpoise Phocoena phocoena

06 09 88	1	54°51 N, 01°11 W	off E England (ML, RW) dead, attached to a rope
21 09 88	6	56°35 N, 01°15 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
21 09 88	3	56°35 N, 01°17 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO)
21 09 88	17	56°35 N, 01°26 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO) pods of 12, and 5 individuals

unidentified small cetaceans

13 09 88	2	54°14 N, 00°09 E	central North Sea (ML,RW)
13 09 88	3	54°40 N, 00°57 W	off E England (ML,RW)
20 09 88	4	56°58 N, 00°11 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO) Lagenorhynchus
20 09 88	1	57°35 N, 00°14 W	off E Scotland (CJC, JdO) probably Harbour Porpoise Phocoena
08 11 88	1	no position	(JJ)

Common Seal Phoca vitulina

06 09 88	1	55°45 N, 01°32 W	off E England (ML,RW) calling loudly while approaching the vessel
11 09 88	1		Hondsbossche Zeewering (NPH)
18 09 88	1		Hondsbossche Zeewering (NPH,MP,LS)
27 09 88	1	53°35 N, 00°30 E	off E England (CJC, GOK)
27 09 88	1	53°43 N, 00°31 E	off E England (CJC, GOK)
18 10 88	1	53°38 N, 04°54 E	16 nm NW of Terschelling (CJC,GOK)

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