

## CETACEANS AND PINNIPEDS (SOUTHERN NORTH SEA AND BEACHES ONLY)

## unidentified dolphin

02 03 89 5 53°30'N, 03°45'E S North Sea (CJC, LS) (far away, rushing wildly; behaviour like *Lagenorhynchus* spp.)

White-beaked Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus albirostris*

02 03 89 3 52°55'N, 03°25'E Bruine Bank (CJC, LS)  
 02 03 89 5 53°41'N, 03°52'E S North Sea (CJC, LS)  
 02 03 89 2 53°42'N, 03°52'E S North Sea (CJC, LS)  
 02 03 89 2 52°49'N, 03°23'E Bruine Bank (CJC, LS)  
 29 03 89 3 52°25'N, 01°37'E SE Dogger Bank (PW, HO)  
 29 03 89 1 54°20'N, 01°45'E SE Dogger Bank (PW, HO)  
 30 03 89 2 52°55'N, 03°08'E Bruine Bank (PW, HO)  
 30 03 89 1 53°44'N, 03°14'E S of Dogger Bank (PW, HO)

Harbour Porpoise *Phocoena phocoena*

The number of Porpoises seen from coastal sites in Noord Holland in spring has increased considerably in recent years. Following the remarkable group in 1988 (Lagerveld 1988, *Sula* 2(1):20-21), a series of observations in spring 1989 (see also *Sula* 3(1):38) is an encouraging sign. Is the Harbour Porpoise returning in our waters?

Another interesting series of records is listed below. On 29 March 1989, 4 small herds of Harbour Porpoises were seen moving S-SE, swimming slowly in waters between the Dogger Bank and the Bruine Bank.

11 03 89 6 N seawatching record Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)  
 21 03 89 1 N seawatching record Hondsbossche Zeewering (NH)  
 29 03 89 7 SE 53°33,5N, 02°13,5 E S North Sea (PW, HO)  
 29 03 89 3 SE 53°33,9N, 02°13,5 E S North Sea (PW, HO)  
 29 03 89 3 SE 53°34,0N, 02°13,5 E S North Sea (PW, HO)  
 29 03 89 2 S 53°39,6N, 02°14,0 E S North Sea (PW, HO)  
 20 05 89 1\* N Hondsbossche Zeewering (JB)

\*probably this species

**Common Seal *Phoca vitulina***

28 02 89 coast Lauwersoog-Noordpolderzijl (old corpse; LT)  
30 04 89 1 seawatching record Ameland (DS, MV)  
14 05 89 1 seawatching record Hondsbossche Zeewering (LS, MA)  
20 05 89 1 Hondsbossche Zeewering (JB)

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