

## 1. Areas

### 1.1. Protected Area Cape Cod Bay (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>
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### 1.2. Protected Area Off Race Point (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

All related paragraphs:

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### 1.3. Protected Area Great South Channel (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

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### 1.4. Protected Area Mid-Atlantic U.S. SMAs (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>
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#### 1.5. Protected Area Southeastern U.S. SMA (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>
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#### 1.6. Protected Area DMA (official name)

Jurisdiction: national

IUCN Category: category IV

Linked regulations: [Link](#)

Source Date: 23 AUG 2012

Source: NOAA Coast Pilot Vol. 2

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>
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#### 1.7. Sea Area

Central Gulf of Maine (Jordan Basin, Cashes Ledge) (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>
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#### 1.8. Sea Area

Cape Cod Bay (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

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**1.9. Sea Area**

Great South Channel, northern edge of Georges Bank (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>
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**1.10. Sea Area**

Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf (Browns Bank, Roseway Basin) (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

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**1.11. Sea Area**

Jeffreys Ledge (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>
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**1.12. Sea Area**

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

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**1.13. Sea Area**

New York to North Carolina (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

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**1.14. Sea Area**

South Carolina, Georgia and Florida calving area (common name)

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	<a href="#">Regulation</a>
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#### 1.15. Sea Area

NE NARW Sighting area (common name)

Linked regulations: (none)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>	<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>
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#### 1.16. Sea Area

SE NARW Sighting area (common name)

Linked regulations: (none)

All related paragraphs:

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#### 1.17. Sea Area

Virginia to Maine (common name)

Linked regulations: (none)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Recommendation</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>
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#### 1.18. Sea Area

North Carolina to Florida (common name)

Linked regulations: (none)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Recommendation</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>	<a href="#">Authority</a>
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#### 1.19. Restricted Area

All related paragraphs:

[Regulation](#)[Gen. Info.](#)

## 2. Marine Services and Reporting Systems

### 2.1. Ship Reporting System

Type: *ship reporting system*

Name: WHALESNORTH

Use required for:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with gross tonnage greater than or equal to 300 gross ton

Use recommended for:

Vessels of type warship

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

Report types/formats: [Link](#)

Reports:

Type of report: sailing plan

IMO Format: true

All related paragraphs:

[Contact](#)[Contact](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Regulator](#)[Report](#)

### 2.2. Ship Reporting System

Type: *ship reporting system*

Name: WHALESSOUTH

Use required for:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with gross tonnage greater than or equal to 300 gross ton

Use recommended for:

Vessels of type warship

Linked regulations: [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

Report types/formats: [Link](#)

Reports:

Type of report: sailing plan

IMO Format: true

All related paragraphs:

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### 3. Authorities

#### 3.1. Authority NOAA Fisheries

Email: [ne.rw.sightings@noaa.gov](mailto:ne.rw.sightings@noaa.gov)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Contact</a>
<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>

#### 3.2. Authority NOAA Fisheries

Email: [se.rw.sightings@noaa.gov](mailto:se.rw.sightings@noaa.gov)

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Contact</a>
<a href="#">Gen. Info.</a>

#### 3.3. Authority NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Tel: +1 9782819351

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Contact</a>	<a href="#">Report</a>
<a href="#">Area</a>	

#### 3.4. Authority NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

Tel: +1 8774338299

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Report</a>	<a href="#">Contact</a>
<a href="#">Area</a>	

#### 3.5. Authority Coast Guard

VHF channel: 16

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Report</a>	<a href="#">Contact</a>
<a href="#">Area</a>	<a href="#">Area</a>

### 4. Regulations

#### 4.1. Regulation



**4.4. Regulation** Effective from 01 January until 15 MayApplies in: Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

[#USAPPLIC1](#)[Prot. area](#)**4.5. Regulation** Effective from 01 March until 30 AprilApplies in: Off Race Point ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

[#USAPPLIC1](#)[Prot. area](#)**4.6. Regulation** Effective from 01 April until 31 JulyApplies in: Great South Channel ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

[#USAPPLIC1](#)[Prot. area](#)**4.7. Regulation** Effective from 01 November until 30 AprilApplies in: Mid-Atlantic U.S. SMAs ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">#USAPPLIC1</a>
<a href="#">Prot. area</a>

**4.8. Regulation** Effective from 15 November until 15 April

Applies in: Southeastern U.S. SMA ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">#USAPPLIC1</a>
<a href="#">Prot. area</a>

**4.9. Regulation**

Applies in: Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)), Off Race Point ([Link](#)), Great South Channel ([Link](#)), Mid-Atlantic U.S. SMAs ([Link](#)), Southeastern U.S. SMA ([Link](#)),

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with length overall greater than or equal to 65 foot

**Speed restrictions to protect North Atlantic Right Whales**

Content type: Full text

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Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">#USAPPLIC1</a>				
<a href="#">Prot. area</a>				

**4.10. Regulation**

Applies in: DMA ([Link](#)),

**Mandatory Speed Restrictions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

10 knots or less

All related paragraphs:

[Prot. area](#)

**4.11. Regulation** Effective from 01 April until 31 July

Applies in:

Applies to:

Vessels of type (any vessel type) with gross tonnage greater than or equal to 300 gross ton

**Passage instructions**

Content type: Abstract or summary

Avoiding passage through this area

All related paragraphs:

[#USAPPLIC2](#)

[Res. area](#)

**4.12. Regulation**

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

**Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems (MSR) WHALESNORTH and WHALESSOUTH**

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All related paragraphs:

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**4.13. Regulation**

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

**Limits of Northeastern reporting system**

Content type: Full text

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#### 4.14. Regulation

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

##### Limits of Southeastern reporting system

Content type: Full text

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Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

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#### 4.15. Regulation

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

##### How must reports be made?

Content type: Full text

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Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

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#### 4.16. Regulation

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

##### What information must be included in the report?

Content type: Full text

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Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

#### 4.17. Regulation

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

##### What to do if only VHF is available?

Content type: Full text

Vessels equipped only with VHFFM voice communications should submit reports to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector.

Source: NOAA

Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

#### 4.18. Regulation

Applies in: WHALESNORTH ([Link](#)), WHALESSOUTH ([Link](#)),

##### What to do if a return message on right whale sighting is missing?

Content type: Full text

Failure to receive a timely return message from the MSR system that provides locations of recent right whale sightings and precautionary guidance should be reported to the local Coast Guard Sector Office.

Source: NOAA

Source Date: 21 AUG 2012

All related paragraphs:

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1. Recommendation

Applies in: Virginia to Maine ([Link](#)), North Carolina to Florida ([Link](#)),

#### Early Warning and Sighting Advisory Systems

Content type: Full text

Any whale accidentally struck, dead whale carcass, and sighting of an injured or entangled whale should be reported immediately to the Coast Guard or NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service noting the precise location, date, and time of the accident or sighting.

All related paragraphs:

[Area](#)

[Area](#)

## 6. Restrictions

## 7. Other nautical information

### 7.1. General information

Applies in: Central Gulf of Maine (Jordan Basin, Cashes Ledge) ([Link](#)), Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)), Great South Channel, northern edge of Georges Bank ([Link](#)), Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf (Browns Bank, Roseway Basin) ([Link](#)), Jeffreys Ledge ([Link](#)), Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary ([Link](#)), New York to North Carolina ([Link](#)), South Carolina, Georgia and Florida calving area ([Link](#)),

### Presence of North Atlantic Right Whales

Content type: Full text

See file: USNARWPRES.TXT

All related paragraphs:

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#### 7.2. General information Effective from April until June

Applies in: Central Gulf of Maine (Jordan Basin, Cashes Ledge) ([Link](#)),

Most of the North Atlantic Right Whale population can be found in this area during this time

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Area</a>
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#### 7.3. General information Effective from October until December

Applies in: Central Gulf of Maine (Jordan Basin, Cashes Ledge) ([Link](#)),

Most of the North Atlantic Right Whale population can be found in this area during this time

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Area</a>
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#### 7.4. General information Effective from December until May

Applies in: Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)),

Most of the North Atlantic Right Whale population can be found in this area during this time

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Area</a>
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#### 7.5. General information Effective from March until July

Applies in: Great South Channel, northern edge of Georges Bank ([Link](#)),

Most of the North Atlantic Right Whale population can be found in this area during this time

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Area</a>
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#### 7.6. General information Effective from July until October

Applies in: Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf (Browns Bank, Roseway Basin) ([Link](#)),

Most of the North Atlantic Right Whale population can be found in this area during this time

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Area</a>
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#### 7.7. General information Effective from October until December

Applies in: Jeffreys Ledge ([Link](#)),

North Atlantic Right Whales are frequently sighted in this area

All related paragraphs:

[Area](#)

#### 7.8. General information

Applies in: Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary ([Link](#)),

North Atlantic Right Whale Peak sightings occur in the early spring with infrequent sightings in the summer

All related paragraphs:

[Area](#)

#### 7.9. General information Effective from November until April

Applies in: New York to North Carolina ([Link](#)),

North Atlantic Right Whale: The migration corridor between right whale habitats is within 30 miles of the Atlantic coast

All related paragraphs:

[Area](#)

#### 7.10. General information Effective from November until April

Applies in: South Carolina, Georgia and Florida calving area ([Link](#)),

North Atlantic Right Whale: Calving right whales have been sighted as far north as Cape Fear, NC and as far south as Miami, FL with rare sightings in the Gulf of Mexico

All related paragraphs:

[Area](#)

#### 7.11. General information Effective from 01 January until 31 July

Applies in: NE NARW Sighting area ([Link](#)),

Content type: Abstract or summary

As weather and conditions permit, dedicated seasonal programs of aerial and vessel surveys are conducted to provide whale sighting information to mariners. Survey planes occasionally use VHF-FM channel 16 to contact ships directly if whales have been spotted in close proximity to that vessel. However, many right whales go undetected by surveys. Seasonal right whale advisories and sighting reports are broadcast periodically for these and surrounding areas by Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners, NAVTEX, NOAA Weather Radio, Cape Cod Canal Vessel Traffic Control, the Bay of Fundy Vessel Traffic Control, and are included in the return message from the Right Whale Mandatory Ship Reporting (MSR) systems. General sighting information may be obtained by sending an e-mail to the responsible authority.

All related paragraphs:

[Authority](#)

[Area](#)

#### 7.12. General information Effective from 12 January until 31 March

Applies in: SE NARW Sighting area ([Link](#)),

Content type: Abstract or summary

As weather and conditions permit, dedicated seasonal programs of aerial and vessel surveys are conducted to provide whale sighting information to mariners. Survey planes occasionally use VHF-FM channel 16 to contact ships directly if whales have been spotted in close proximity to that vessel. However, many right whales go undetected by surveys. Seasonal right whale advisories and sighting reports are broadcast periodically for these and surrounding areas by Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners, NAVTEX, NOAA Weather Radio, Cape Cod Canal Vessel Traffic Control, the Bay of Fundy Vessel Traffic Control, and are included in the return message from the Right Whale Mandatory Ship Reporting (MSR) systems. General sighting information may be obtained by sending an e-mail to the responsible authority.

All related paragraphs:

<a href="#">Authority</a>
<a href="#">Area</a>

**7.13. General information**

Applies in: Central Gulf of Maine (Jordan Basin, Cashes Ledge) ([Link](#)), Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)), Great South Channel, northern edge of Georges Bank ([Link](#)), Bay of Fundy, Scotian Shelf (Browns Bank, Roseway Basin) ([Link](#)), Jeffreys Ledge ([Link](#)), Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary ([Link](#)), New York to North Carolina ([Link](#)), South Carolina, Georgia and Florida calving area ([Link](#)), NE NARW Sighting area ([Link](#)), SE NARW Sighting area ([Link](#)), Cape Cod Bay ([Link](#)), Off Race Point ([Link](#)), Great South Channel ([Link](#)), Mid-Atlantic U.S. SMAs ([Link](#)), Southeastern U.S. SMA ([Link](#)), DMA ([Link](#)),

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**8. Communications**

**8.1. Authority or service contact information**

Name: unnamed authority or service (may be named in a related object)  
 Email: ne.rw.sightings@noaa.gov

All related paragraphs:

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**8.2. Authority or service contact information**

Name: unnamed authority or service (may be named in a related object)  
 Email: se.rw.sightings@noaa.gov

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**8.3. Authority or service contact information**

Name: unnamed authority or service (may be named in a related object)

Tel: +1 9782819351

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**8.4. Authority or service contact information**

Name: unnamed authority or service (may be named in a related object)

Tel: +1 8774338299

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**8.5. Authority or service contact information**

Name: unnamed authority or service (may be named in a related object)

VHF channel: 16

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[Authority](#)

**8.6. Authority or service contact information**

Name: NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (official name)

Email: RightWhale.MSR@noaa.gov

Telex Nr.: 48156090

All related paragraphs:

[VTS / Rept. sys.](#)

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**8.7. Authority or service contact information**

Name: U.S. Coast Guard's Communication Area Master Station Atlantic (CAMSLANT) (official name)

Tel: +1 8007428519x0

Frequency Preference: preferred working

Shore station frequencies (kHz)	
Transmits FRQ	Receives FRQ
	002182
	004125
	006215
	008291
	12290
	16420

All related paragraphs:

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**9. Report Descriptions and Formats**

### 9.1. Report

any other report (non-IMO format)

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### 9.2. Report

sailing plan (IMO format)

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### 9.3. Report

sailing plan (IMO format)

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