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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 008 OF 2026 CETACEAN PROTOCOL

To: All Mariners, Owners, Agents and Charterers;

You are reminded that, all Cetaceans (Whales and Dolphins) and marine reptiles (Turtles) are protected by law in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters under the Nature Protection Act 1991.

The Mobile Cetacean Conservation Area is defined as an imaginary cylinder of sea and air space with a 500m radius centred on the cetacean or group of cetaceans, with a height of 500m into the air and a depth of 60m under the sea. The Marine Protection Regulations Cetacean Protocol shall apply within this space. (See attached protocol).

All vessels must maintain a sharp lookout and reduce speed to 4 knots if they sight any animals.

All vessels are to keep a minimum distance of 60 meters from any animal or group of animals.

All vessels must comply with the Nature Protection Act 1991 and the Marine Protection Regulations Cetacean Protocol in its entirety. (See attached protocol).

Kyle Sivers
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Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of Local Notice to Mariners are made known to Masters and persons in charge of their vessels. All notices are available to view on the Gibraltar Port Authority website at: www.gibraltarport.com

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