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VESSEL-BASED EFFORT RECORDING FORM

RECORD AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, BUT REMEMBER THAT EVEN PARTIAL DATA MAY BE HELPFUL! CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): ..... **Vessel:** ..... **Contact Name/Address:** .....

Tel/E-mail: ..... **Observer names:** .....

Start Time ..... **GMT / BST** **End Time** ..... **Total Time** ..... **Observer Height Above Sea Level (m)** ..... **Field of View:** 180° fwd; 90°L; 90°R; 360° (tick)

TIME GMT/BST	**LATITUDE** (degrees, decimal minutes)	**LONGITUDE** (degrees, decimal minutes)	**BOAT COURSE**	**SPEED** (knots)	**EFFORT TYPE**	**SEA STATE**	**SWELL HEIGHT**	**VISIBILITY**	**BOAT ACTIVITY**	**SIGHT. REF.**

DATA DEFINITIONS: *Use categories provided below where possible*

Time: 24-hour clock; specify GMT or BST. **Location:** Record latitude and longitude (deg., decimal min. preferred) every 15 minutes or when course changes, if lat/long unavailable, note location in relation to local landmarks. **Boat course:** Record course as vessel heading not course over ground (as deg. magnetic). **Speed:** Record in knots, if available. **Effort Type:** OFF = end of effort or not watching; CASW = casual watching; DEDS = dedicated search; LINE = line transect. **Sea State:** 0 = mirror calm; 1 = slight ripples, no foam crests; 2 = small wavelets, glassy crests, but no whitecaps; 3 = large wavelets, crests begin to break, few whitecaps; 4 = longer waves, many whitecaps; 5 = moderate waves of longer form, some spray; 6 = large waves, whitecaps everywhere, frequent spray; 7 = sea heaps up, white foam blows in streaks; 8 = long, high waves edges breaking, foam blows in streaks; 9 = high waves, sea begins to roll, dense foam streaks. **Swell Height:** Light = 0-1 m; Moderate = 1-2 m; Heavy = >2 m. **Visibility:** <1 km; 1-5 km; 6-10 km; >10 km. **Boat Activity:** Record No of each and type: NB = No boats, VE = unspecified vessel, YA = yacht, RB = row boat or kayak, JS = jet ski, SB = speed boat, MB = motor boat, FI = fishing boat, FE = ferry, LS = large ship , SV = seismic vessel, WS = warship. **Sighting Reference:** Refer to number(s) on Sighting Record Form.

Please return to Sea Watch Foundation, Paragon House, Wellington Place, New Quay SA45 9NR or to your Regional Group Co-ordinator

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