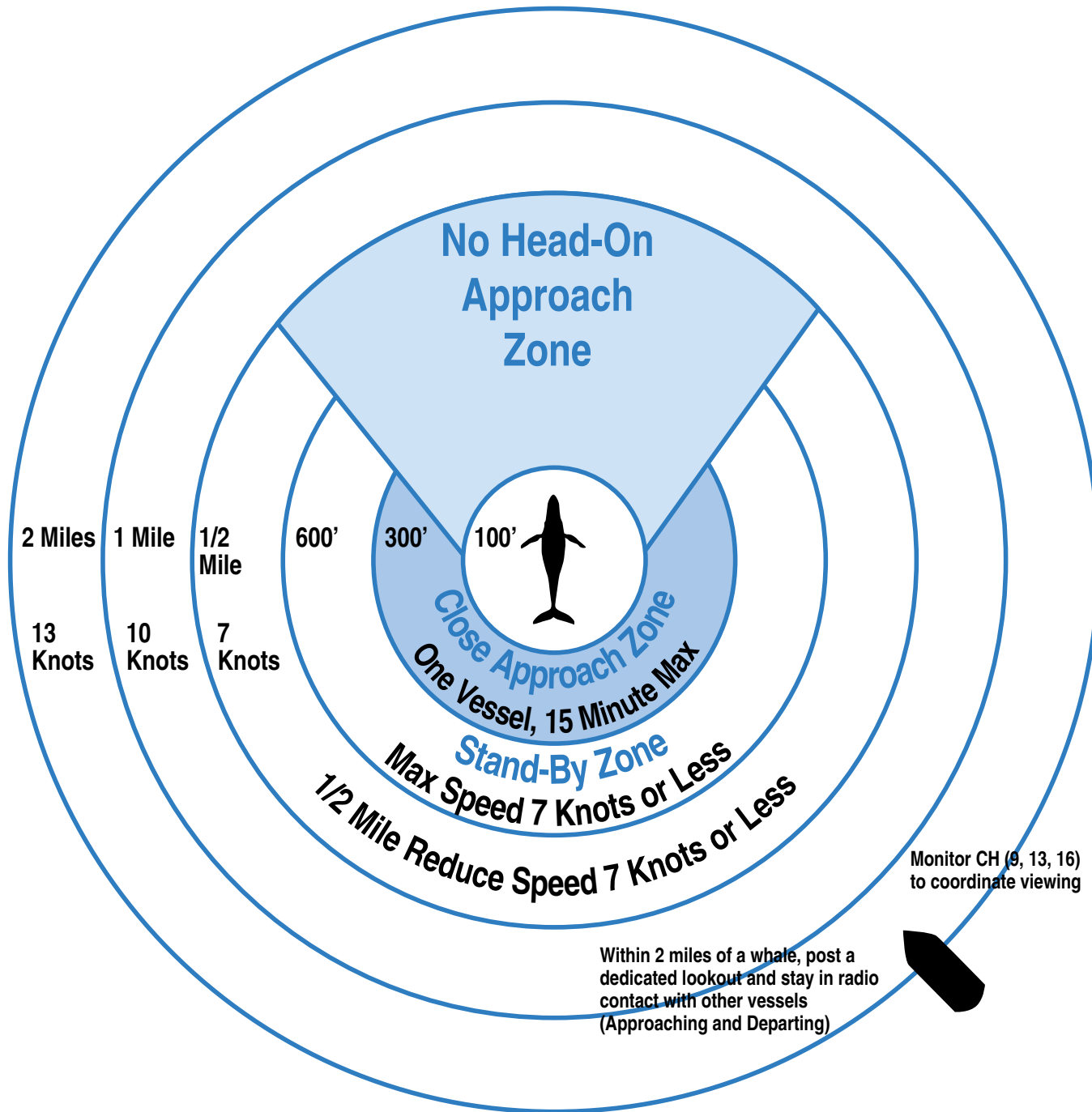




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All marine mammals are protected by the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. Following these recommended operational guidelines helps minimize chances of harassing or injuring whales and violating Federal law. Guidelines apply to all large whales from Main through Virginia, except North Atlantic right whales. It is illegal to approach a right whale within 500 yards (1500 feet) unless granted specific exemption or authorization.

PLEASE REPORT RIGHT WHALE SIGHTINGS OR SIGHTINGS OF MARINE MAMMALS IN DISTRESS TO 866-755-6622