Mandatory speed restrictions of 10 knots or less are required in Seasonal Management Areas along the U.S. East Coast during times when right whales are likely to be present. The purpose of this regulation is to reduce the likelihood of deaths and serious injuries to these endangered whales that result from collisions with ships.

**ATTENTION:** All vessels greater than or equal to 65 ft (19.8 m) in overall length and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and all vessels greater than or equal to 65 ft in overall length entering or departing a port or place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

**YOU MUST SLOW TO SPEEDS OF 10 KNOTS OR LESS IN SEASONAL MANAGEMENT AREAS**

### Northeast U.S. Seasonal Management Areas

- **Cape Cod Bay**
  - January 1 - May 15
  - Includes all waters of Cape Cod Bay with Northern Boundary of 42°04’56.5"N, 070°12’W to 42°12’N, 070°12’W then due west back to shore.

- **Off Race Point**
  - March 1 - April 30
  - Waters Bounded by:
    - 42°04’56.5"N, 067°27’W
    - 42°09’N, 069°05’W
    - 41°40’N, 069°45’W
    - then back to starting pt.

- **Great South Channel**
  - April 1 - July 31
  - Waters Bounded by:
    - 42°30’N, 069°45’W
    - 41°00’N, 069°05’W
    - 41°40’N, 069°45’W
    - then back to starting pt.

If a deviation from the 10 knot speed restriction is necessary, the following information must be entered into the logbook:

- Reasons for deviation
- Speed at which vessel is operated
- Latitude and longitude at time of deviation
- Time and duration of deviation
- Master of the vessel shall sign and date the logbook entry

The rule does not apply to waters inshore of COLREGS lines.
Migratory Route

November 1 through April 30

Vessel speed is restricted in the following areas:

- Block Island Sound waters bounded by:
  - 40°51'53.7" N 070°36'44.9" W
  - 41°20'14.1" N 070°49'44.1" W
  - 41°04'16.7" N 071°51'21.0" W
  - 40°35'56.5" N 071°38'25.1" W
  then back to starting point.

- Within a 20-nm (37 km) radius of the following
  (as measured seaward from the COLREGS lines):
  - Ports of New York/New Jersey:
    40°29'42.2" N 073°55'57.6" W
  - Entrance to the Delaware Bay
    (Ports of Philadelphia and Wilmington):
    38°52'27.4" N 075°01'32.1" W
  - Entrance to the Chesapeake Bay
    (Ports of Hampton Roads and Baltimore):
    37°00'36.9" N 075°57'50.5" W
  - Ports of Morehead City and Beaufort, NC:
    34°41'32.0" N 076°40'08.3" W

- Within a continuous area 20 nm from shore
  between Wilmington, NC, to Brunswick, GA,
  bounded by the following:

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and west back to the shore.

Calving and Nursery Grounds

November 15 through April 30

Vessel speed is restricted in the area bounded to
the north by latitude 31°27'N; to the south by
latitude 29°45'N; to the east by longitude
080°51'36"W.

For more information, visit:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/shipstrike
http://nero.noaa.gov/shipstrike
http://rightwhalessouth.nmfs.noaa.gov

Voluntary Dynamic Management Areas (DMAs) may also be established by NOAA Fisheries Service. Mariners are encouraged to avoid these areas or reduce speeds to 10 knots or less while transiting through these areas. NOAA Fisheries Service will announce DMAs to mariners through its customary maritime communication media.

This serves as NOAA’s small entity compliance guide.