

## Whale Sightings 2020

*A selection of sightings from each month*

Date	Details
24 Oct	To close out the 2020 season we sighted 1 solo humpback and an escort pod of 3 adults and 1 calf migrating south. Behaviours observed were blows, tail dives and pectoral slaps. Bonus sighting - a pod of 6 dolphins playing inside the Harbour! <b>Whales sighted:</b> 5   2 pods: 1x adult; 3x adults, 1x calf
11 Oct	We sighted 7 humpbacks on this sunny spring morning. 3 pods were sighted by our thrilled passengers and crew, cheerfully playing about with one whale even approaching our vessel. We saw breaches, we saw arched backs, we saw tail dives, and many more fascinating behaviours. A lovely morning out for all onboard! <b>Whales sighted:</b> 7   3 pods: 2x adults; 3x adults, 1x calf; 1x adult
10 Oct	Calm seas this morning and lots to see on the water. 7 humpbacks sighted including a calf and juveniles displaying blows, arched back, tail up dive and a breach. A pod of approx. 15 dolphins, plus 4 seals, albatross and gulls - it was all happening! <b>Whales sighted:</b> 7   3 pods: 3x adults; 2x adults, 1x calf; 1x juvenile
03 Oct	03 Oct A great morning as we began to follow a mother & calf pod, then spotted another 2 pods within 1km of each other. This afternoon a single pod put on an amazing show of double breaches! The calf was just weeks old and very active. <b>Whales sighted (AM):</b> 6   3 pods: 1x mother, 1x calf; 1x juvenile, 1x calf; 1x mother, 1x calf <b>Whales sighted (PM):</b> 2   1 pod: 1x mother, 1 x calf
27 Sep	27 Sep Two pods of humpbacks sighted this morning with spectacular peduncle throw displays! We also spotted a pod of 8 dolphins and 2 seals playing in the water. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 pods: 2x adults; 1x mother, 1x calf
26 Sept	A pod of 2 whales spotted on both our morning and afternoon outings, good activity observed on both cruises with long up times. A colony of 12 playful seals sighted on the rocks and 4 swimming in the ocean was a highlight for our morning passengers and crew. <b>Whales sighted (AM):</b> 2   1 pod: 1x mother, 1x calf <b>Whales sighted (PM):</b> 2   1 pod: 1x mother, 1x calf
19 Sept	19 Sep Arched backs, tail up dives and blows sby a pod of 4 whales observed on our morning cruise. Great conditions at sea today with light winds, low swell and good visibility. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   1 pod: 4x adults
13 Sept	2 pods sighted on our morning cruise, displaying an array of tail dives and arched backs and breaching whales in the distance and a mother and calf pairing on our afternoon cruise. <b>Whales sighted (AM):</b> 4   2 pods: 2x adults; 2x adults <b>Whales sighted (PM):</b> 4   2 pods: 2x adults; 1x mother, 1x calf

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06 Sep	Our passengers and crew were treated not just to a lovely Spring day on the water, but also a mugging! A mugging is where an inquisitive whale approaches the vessel and swims around or under it, so you can imagine the delight from all onboard. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 2   1 pod: 2x adults
05 Sept	05 Sep The warm, sunny weather continues this weekend. Great visibility, calm swells and light winds - perfect conditions for whale watching. We approached 2 southbound Humpback whales having a tranquil moment, however we did sight blows and tail slaps. A pod of 7 dolphins also sighted today. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 2   1 pod: 2x adults
30 Aug	We had our first taste of Spring today and the whales were loving it! Lots of tail slapping amongst the 4 humpbacks we spotted on our morning cruise, enthralling all on board. Other behaviours sighted include, peduncle throws, arched backs, pectoral slaps and blows. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 pods: 2x adults; 1x mother, 1x calf
23 Aug	Today we spotted 3 humpbacks, 7 seals and 2 seabirds, including a Tearn and an Albatross. The whales were in full swing today with lots of peduncle throws, arched backs, pectoral slaps and tail dives on display. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 3   2 pods: 1x adult, 1x calf; 1x mother
22 Aug	Saturday's are for the seals. We spotted a whopping 17 seals soaking up the late winter's sun at Macquire Lighthouse. However not to be outperformed, since whales will always be the main highlight of a whale watching cruise, we delighted at the sighting of 2 pods, including a juvenile, as they happily swam along the coast. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 3   2 pods of humpbacks: 1x adult; 1x adult, 1x juvenile
09 Aug	Lots of action today! Breaches, peducle throws, tail dives, arched backs and blows displayed from the playful humpbacks frolicking in the waves. Four dolphins, 2 Black-Browed Albatross and 1 Crestered Tern also spotted by keen bird watchers. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 3   2 pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 1x adult
08 Aug	Our first sighting was off Manly, a docile pod of 2 humpbacks with long down times. We said goodbye and headed south towards Bondi and spotted another pod of 2 active humpbacks. We were treated to breaches, peduncle throws, arched backs, and chin slaps. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 pods of humpbacks: 1x calf, 1x adult; 1x calf, 1x adult
02 Aug	The weather is warming up and it's great to be out on the harbour enjoying that sunshine. We spotted two pods of adult humpbacks today, several tail ups, arched backs and blows observed from our enthralled passengers and crew. <b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 2x adults

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01 Aug	<p>We had a 'whale of a time' today! Lots of action observed south bound on our morning cruise - breaches, arched backs, tail dives peduncle throws and much more. Two humpbacks sighted on our afternoon cruise heading north with a few arched backs and tail dives observed but long down times.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted (AM):</b> 5   3 pods of humpbacks: 1x adult; 2x adults; 2x adults  <b>Whales sighted (PM):</b> 2   1 pod of humpbacks: 2x adults</p>
31 Jul	<p>A slow start to the morning but a great end to our cruise. We spotted an active yearling and a calf on our way back to the heads and were treated to a show - breaches, tail up dives, arched backs and blows.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 2   1 pod of humpbacks: 1x yearling, 1x calf</p>
23 Jul	<p>Spectacular sightseeing weather as we set out past the heads and followed 2 pods of whales as they cruised up along the coast. We also spotted a few seals, one playing in the sea and two sunbaking on the rocks.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 2x adults</p>
21 Jul	<p>A breezy day with good visibility - we observed 3 humpbacks and 8 dolphins on today's outing.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 3   2 pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 1x adult</p>
19 Jul	<p>After almost a week of bad weather, we are finally back on the water! We observed 3 humpback pods today on our morning cruise, all within 1km of each other, and they displayed some arched backs, pectoral slaps, tail dives and blows as we cruised happily alongside.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 5   3 pods of humpbacks: 1x adult; 1x adult, 1x yearling (child); 2x adults</p>
13 Jul	<p>We had a couple of exciting moments today. We visited 11 Seals enjoying the morning sun and not long after we spotted a pod of 4 whales, including a newborn! The newborn was still grey, indicating it may only be days, or even hours old! The adults were quite active, performing arched backs, tail dives, chin slaps and peduncle throws.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   1 pod of humpbacks: 3x adults, 1 newborn</p>
12 Jul	<p>Passengers and crew enjoyed a close encounter today - a playful mugging by a juvenile on our afternoon cruise. Our first mugging of the season in fact. Passengers on our morning cruise were delighted to spend time cruising alongside an adult humpback and observe some arched backs, tail dives and blows. Amazing weather was the cherry on top of a perfect day.</p> <p><b>Whales sighted (AM):</b> 5   3 pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 1x adult; 2x adults  <b>Whales sighted (PM):</b> 3   2 pods of humpbacks: 1x juvenile; 2x adults</p>
09 Jul	<p>Calm waters and light winds are a perfect combination for a good day at sea. Our passengers and crew were treated to a few arched back and tail dives from the migrating humpbacks as they travelled north. One came close enough for us to spot white barnacles on its skin!</p> <p><b>Whales sighted:</b> 4   2 Pods of humpbacks: 2x adults; 2x adults</p>