

2007 Encounter Bay Whale Sighting Log

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	GRID REF	DISTANCE FROM SHORE	ADULT	CALF/JUVENILE	SPECIES	BEHAVIOUR	COMMENTS
20/09/07	10.30am	Between King's Beach and the Bluff, Victor Harbor	N/A	50 metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Travelling towards Newland Head	This individual has been difficult to locate. It was seen approx. half way between the Bluff & King's Beach. Persist as it is def. out there!!!
14/09/07	9.30am	Off of The Causeway, Victor Harbor	E-5	400 metres		1	Southern Right Whale	Body rolling, pec slapping, spy hopping & blowing.	This juvenile has been very active this morning travelling between Oliver's Reef and Granite Island.
13/09/07	4.30pm	Between the Bluff and Wright Island	B-3	60 metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Body rolling, tail lifting & resting on the surface	This is a very large female and calf. They look very comfortable in the Bay.
11/09/07	3.30pm	Bluff Jetty	B-3	100 metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Travelling quickly	These two were spotted only 2 hours ago off Granit Island. They are moving quickly now towards the bluff.
11/09/07	1.30pm	Southern side of Granite Island	E-4	50 metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Travelling between Seal Island and Granite Island	Great to see a mother and calf in the area.
7/09/07	12.50pm	Olivers Reef, Hayborough	G-6	200-300 metres	1	0	Southern Right Whale	Travelling slowly towards Knights Beach	Possibly one of the five sighted this morning at Surfers Beach, Middleton.
7/09/07	9.30am	Surfers Beach, Middleton	0-7	200 - 400 metres	3	2	Southern Right Whales	Pec slapping and body rolling.	The same five whales sighted yesterday at Basham Beach, Middleton.
6/09/07	8.45am	Basham's Beach, Middleton	M-7	200 - 300 metres	2	1	Southern Right Whales	Pec slapping, blowing & resting on the surface	These three look to be heading towards Middleton Point. We will keep an eye on them.
6/09/07	8.30am	Middleton Point, Middleton	N-7	200 - 300 metres	3	1	Southern Right Whales	Pec slapping, blowing & resting on the surface	They are still in our waters today!
5/09/07	9.30am	Goolwa Beach, Goolwa	N/A	100 meters	4	2	Southern Right Whales	Some travelling towards the Coorong, others body rolling and pec slapping.	Very special to see this number of whales in the one location.
5/09/07	9.00am	Middleton Point, Middleton	N-6	300 - 400 metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Travelling towards Goolwa	Great viewing!

4/09/07	8.30am	Basham's Beach, Middleton	M-6	400 metres	3	1	Southern Right Whales	Body rolling, breaching, resting on surface, tail slapping & spy hopping.	These four have been putting on a great show for spectators this morning!
30/08/07	2.30pm	Basham Beach, Middleton	N-7	300 metres	0	1	Southern Right Whale	Travelling between Frenchmans Rock and Basham Beach.	One Juvenile appears to be on it's own.
28/08/07	12.00pm	Goolwa Beach, Goolwa	N/A	200 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Body rolling, pec slapping & blowing	These two were seen travelling east towards the Coorong.
27/08/07	10.00am	Waitpinga Point, Waitpinga	N/A	1 Km	0	1	Southern Right Whale	Breaching	This Juvenile was sighted heading west but very difficult to see due to poor weather conditions.
23/08/07	8.30am	Basham Beach, Middleton	M-7	300 Metres	2	1	Southern Right Whales	Body Rolling, pec slapping and tail lifting.	The same three Whales sighted yesterday. Once again very active and close to the shore.
22/08/07	10.00am	Basham Beach, Middleton	M-7	200-300 metres	2	2	Southern Right Whales	Breaching, body rolling and pec slapping	Four Southern Right Whales sighted within close proximity of each other. Very active this morning excellent viewing.
20/08/07	10.00am	Surfer's Beach, Middleton	P-6	600 metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Body rolling & resting on the surface	These two look very settled resting on the surface.
18/08/07	10.30am	Basham's Beach, Middleton	M-7	200 metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Blowing & pec slapping	Also spending a bit of time under the water, but they are both out there!!!
18/08/07	9.30am	East of the Causeway, Victor Harbor	E-5	300 metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Body rolling	This one is holding it's breath for long periods of time making it difficult to see. Keep your eyes peeled though!
17/08/07	1.15pm	Between King Head Point and West Island, Encounter Bay	A-2	200 metres		1	Southern Right Whale	Pec Slapping.	This appears to be the same Juvenile sighted last Sunday and the past week.
12/08/07	12.00pm	Between King Head Point and West Island, Encounter Bay	A-2	300-400 metres		1	Southern Right Whale	Body rolling and pec slapping.	This appears to be the same juvenile whale sighted in the area over the past couple of days.
11/08/07	10.00am	Southern side of Granite Island, Victor Harbor	E-4	40 metres		1	Southern Right Whale	Resting on the surface.	This whale is rather small in size, appears to be a juvenile.
09/08/07	2.00pm	Petrel Cove, Victor Harbor	A-2	One 400m offshore, the other 1.5km offshore.	2		Southern Right Whales	Travelling South.	Weather is making the seas a bit choppy, but keep your eyes peeled. They are out there!

08/08/07	5.45pm	Southern side of Granite Island	E-4	30 Metres	1		Southern Right Whales	Body Rolling & resting on the surface.	This was a very large whale. Looked very comfortable resting on the surface. Located in very close for great viewing.
5/08/07	11.15am	Middleton Point, Middleton	M-7 & M-6	600, 800 & 1000 Metres	4	1	Southern Right Whales	Spy Hopping, Pec Slapping and Surfing	5 Whales sighted this morning at Middleton, very exciting viewing.
4/08/07	11.30am	Basham Beach, Middleton	M-7	600 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Body Rolling and pec slapping - quit active this morning.	The same mother and calf sighted in the area over the past few days.
03/08/07	11.30am	Basham Beach	M-7	200-300 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Body rolling	Looks like mother and young calf.
31/07/07	9.30am	Basham Beach, Middleton	M-7	200-300 Metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Body rolling and resting on the surface	This is the same whale sighted yesterday.
30/07/07	11.00am	Basham Beach, Middleton	M-7	300 Metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Body rolling & pec slapping	Finally another sighting after a quiet week!
21/07/07	10.30am	Surfers Beach, Middleton	O-7	300 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Swimming slowly towards Middleton.	The mother and calf were moving slowly towards Middleton then sighted 20 minutes later swimming towards Goolwa.
20/07/07	8.30am	Basham's Beach, Middleton	M-7	400 Metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Body rolling & pec slapping	Relaxing in our Bay.
19/07/07	9.15am	Frenchmans Rock, Bashams Beach	L-6	500 - 600 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Travelling towards Middleton	Head to Bashams Beach for the best viewing.
17/07/07	1.15pm	The Causeway, Victor Harbor	F-5	600-700 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Swimming fast towards Granite Island.	This pair have now been seen in the area for the past 6 days.
17/07/07	12.45pm	Petrel Cove, The Bluff, Encounter Bay	A-2	700 Metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Swimming towards the Eastern side of the Bluff.	Best viewing would be from the top of the Bluff.
16/07/07	10.30am	Oliver's Reef, Victor Harbor	G-6	700 Metres	1		Southern Right Whale	Tail lobbing, spy hopping, pec slapping and breaching.	Head to Hayward St Carpoark for the best vantage point.
15/07/07	9.30am	West of Granite Island in Bay between Granit and Wright Island	D-5	500 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whale	Body rolling, tail lifting, breaching and spy hopping.	Easily seen behind Visitor Information Centre in Victor Harbor.
15/07/07	9.30am	East of Causeway heading behind Granite Island	E-6	400 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Travelling behind Granite Island	Hoping to see these two again soon.

14/07/07	9.30am	Middleton Point, Middleton	N-7	200 Metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Body rolling, pec slapping & Tail lifting	Let's hope these two stick around for a while!!!
13/07/07	9.00am	The Bluff, Encounter Bay, Victor Harbor	A-2	200 Metres	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Breaching and travelling fast towards West Island	This is our first confirmed sighting of a calf and mother for the 2007 Whale Season.
12/07/07	5.30pm	Surfers Beach, Middleton	P-6	800 Metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Travelling fast towards Port Elliot	This is our second confirmed whale sighting for 2007.
21/06/07	3.30pm	East of the Causeway, Encounter Bay Waters, Victor Harbor	E-6	600-700 Metres	2		Southern Right Whales	Body Rolls and Pec Slapping	This is our first Confirmed Whale Sighting for the 2007 Whale Season, sighted by visitor Ashley Jones - Brisbane, Queensland

Head Of The Bight SA Sightings Log 2007 - CONFIRMED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	GRID REF	DISTANCE FROM SHORE	ADULT	CALF	SPECIES	BEHAVIOUR	COMMENTS
23/10/07	12.00pm	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	N/A	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Resting on surface.	These two are still in residence at the Head of the Bight.
15/10/07	11.00am	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	N/A	1	1	Southern Right Whales	Close to shore.	Last remaining mother and calf at the Head of the Bight. Let's hope they stick around for a few more weeks.
17/09/07	10.00am	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	17	13	Southern Right Whales	Varied levels of activity.	They still have approximately 30 whales sighted at the Head of the Bight today but numbers are starting to decrease.
5/09/07	12.00pm	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	17	13	Southern Right Whales	Varied levels of activity.	Quite close to the platform, excellent viewing, one white calf still sighted in the area.
23/08/07	3.30pm	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	38	29	Southern Right Whales	Various levels of activity.	Ten whales at the platform. The two white calves have still been sighted in the area.
4/08/07	11.30am	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	30	21	Southern Right Whales	Various levels of activity, quite a few close to the platform with other coming and going.	The White Calf is still in the area with an additional White Calf recently born on the coast heading towards the Head of the Bight.
31/07/07	10.30am	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	17	15	Southern Right Whales	Various levels of activity.	The white calf has still be sighted in the area over the past couple of days.
13/7/07	2.00pm	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	15	15	Southern Right Whales	Various levels of activity, excellent viewing from the platform.	50% of the whales sighted have been calves with one coloured white with black blotches.

3/7/07	12.15pm	Head of the Bight, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	19	2	Southern Right Whale	Various levels of activity, quite a few close to the platform with other coming and going.	One of the calves born is extremely special being white with a few black blotches.
1/6/07	-	Head of the Bight, South Australia	N/A	Varied - Good viewing from the Platform at the Head of the Bight	4		Southern Right Whales	The Whales are on the move quite alot - coming closer to the shore then back out in the deeper waters.	This is the first confirmed Whale Sighting Report from the Head of the Bight for 2007.

Other SA Sightings Log 2007 - UNCONFIRMED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	GRID REF	DISTANCE FROM SHORE	ADULT	CALF/JUVENILE	SPECIES	BEHAVIOUR	COMMENTS
15/09/07	2.30pm	Tunkalilla Beach, East of Deep Creek	N/A	Unknown	1	1	Unkown	Swimming in and out of the vacinity.	The mother and calf were swimming around in circles travelling in and out of the area.
5/09/07	Unknown	Gawler River	N/A	12 km west of Gawler River	1	0	Possibly a Humpback	Circled a fishing boat for 15 minutes	The whale circled a fishing boat for about 15 minutes actually touching the boat on one occasion.
28/08/07	11.00am	Frenchmans Rock, Penneshaw	N/A	50 metres	2	0	Southern Right Whales	Travelling West	These two whales were observed by locals very close the shore resting and swimming slowly West.
25/08/07	10.00am	Seaford SA	N/A	800 metres	1	1	Unknown possibly Humpback Whales	Travelling north to St Vincents Gulf	Observed from Seaford, Adelaide approximately 800 metres from balcony of house.
26/08/07	12.00pm	Back Stairs Passage, Cape Jervis	N/A	2 Miles	2		Southern Right Whales	Travelling South	Two Southern Right Whales sighted from the Ferry approximately 300 metres away.
24/08/07	9.00am	Carrickalinga Beach, Carrickalinga	N/A	1 km	2		Possible Humpbacks	Travelling	An unconfirmed sighting of 2 possible Humpback Whales.
15/08/07	1.00pm	Parsons Beach, Encounter Bay	N/A	N/A	1		Southern Right Whale	Travelling	This is an unconfirmed sighting.
24/7/07	3.30am	Snapper Point, Aldinga	N/A	1 Km	1		Unknown. Possible Humpback Whale	Travelling fast towards Sellicks Beach.	Another sighting of possibly a Humpback Whale on the 24th July.

24/7/07	9.15am & 9.35 am	Largs Bay & Semaphore	N/A	100 Metres approximately	1		Unknown. Possibly a Humpback Whale	Travelling	There were two separate unconfirmed sightings today, one at Largs Bay and the other at Semaphore. Possibly a Humpback Whale.
30/6/07	11.30am	North of Cape Jervis	N/A	Unknown	1		Unknown. Possibly Southern Right Whale	Travelling towards American River.	This individual was on the move.
28/6/07	4.30pm	Sheringa, Eyre Peninsula	N/A	100 Metres Offshore	1		Unknown. Possibly Southern Right	Spy Hopping & body rolling. Heading towards Elliston	First reported sighting for the Eyre Peninsula this year. Last seen traveling towards Elliston.
25/6/07	3.00pm	Cape Willoughby, Kangaroo Island	N/A	500 Metres Offshore	2		Humpback Whales	Traveling fast North East	These 2 Humpback Whales were travelling very fast from Kangaroo Island heading towards Cape Jervis.
25/6/07	11.00am	Head of The Bight Whale Sanctuary, Nullarbor	N/A	Varied	10	2	Southern Right Whales	Varied levels of activity	This is the first report of calves being born at the Head of the Bight.
18/6/07	11.00am	Cape Jervis, South Australia	N/A	300 Metres Offshore	2 Juveniles		Humpback Whales	Breaching and Playing	The two Humpback Whales were sighted from the Ferry, travelling from Cape Jervis to Kangaroo Island.
15/6/07	2.15pm	D/Estrees Bay, Kangaroo Island, South Australia	N/A	200 Metres Offshore	1		Southern Right Whale	Tail Lobbing	Heading out to Sea, possibly the same SRW sighted at Penneshaw on the 11th June, 2007.
15/6/07	10.00am	The Bluff, Victor Harbor	A-1	3 Nautical Miles off the Bluff	1		Southern Right Whale		This was an unconfirmed sighting by a local fisherman.
14/6/07	1.00pm	Carrikalinga (Up from Normanville, South Australia	N/A	1/2 Kilometre Offshore	2		Southern Right Whales	Pec Slapping, Tail Lobbing and Breaching	The 2 Whales were sighted from a shack at Carrikalinga for half an hour then they headed off towards Adelaide.
11/6/07	8.00am	Penneshaw Ferry Terminal Wharf, Kangaroo Island, South Australia	N/A	70 Metres Offshore from the Wharf	1		Southern Right Whale	Body Rolling and Tail Slapping	The Ferry was delayed in departing because it had to give way to the Southern Right Whale which was blocking its path. The Whale was last seen heading towards Kingscote.
25/4/07	-	Beachport, South Australia	N/A	40 km off Beachport Shore in approx. 800 metres water depth	6		Possibly Pilot Whales	Playing	Possibly a pod of 6 Pilot Whales.