

MARINE NOTICE NO. 15 OF 2005

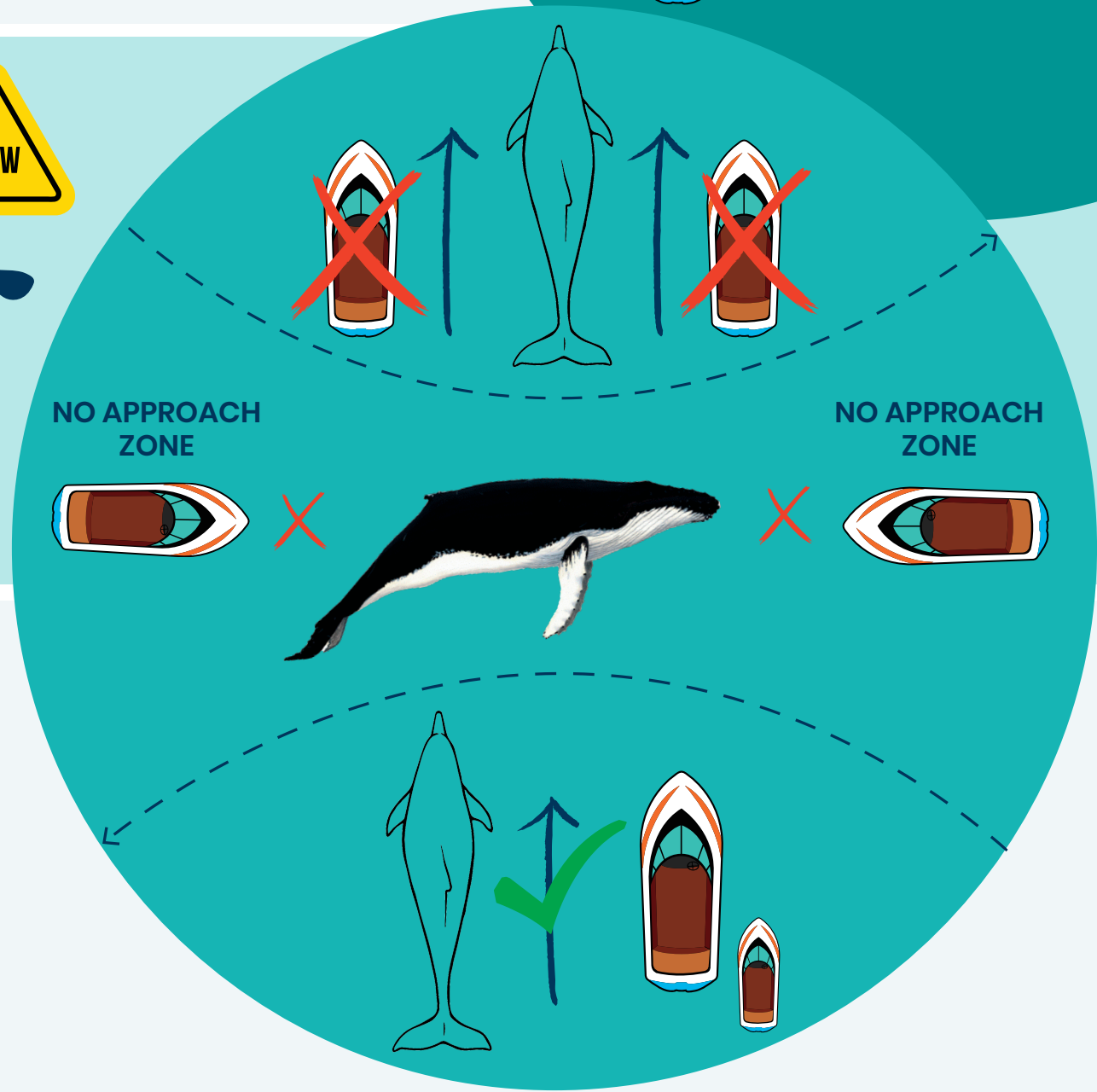
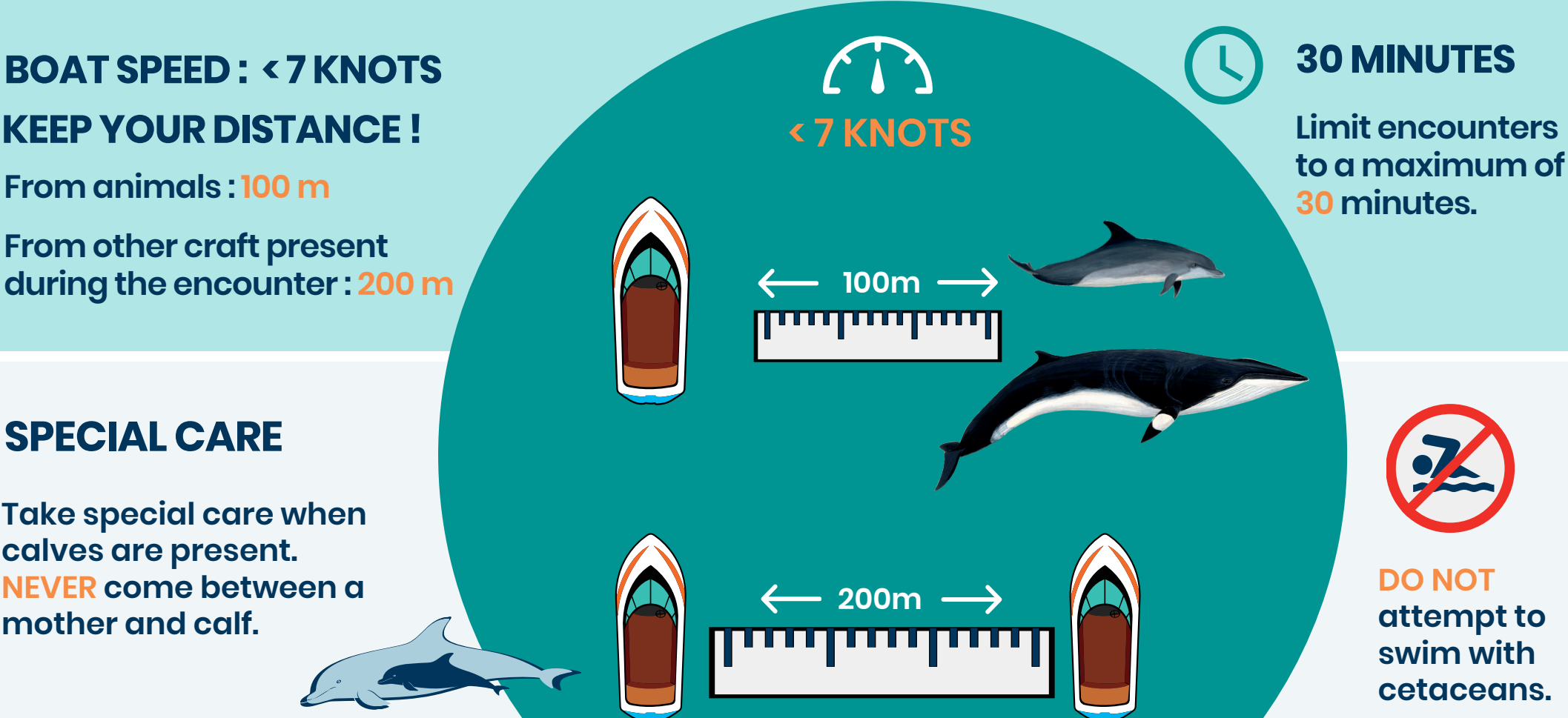
- Government regulations **prohibit** the deliberate disturbance of all cetaceans (whales, dolphins, porpoises) in Irish waters.
- Cetacean behaviour may be unpredictable and cause potential damage to small craft, especially when large whales are feeding and/or when calves are present.
- The basic **Code of Conduct** outlined below should be followed when encountering cetaceans :

BOAT SPEED : < 7 KNOTS
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE !

From animals : **100 m**
From other craft present during the encounter : **200 m**

SPECIAL CARE

Take special care when calves are present.
NEVER come between a mother and calf.



MAINTAIN A STEADY COURSE
PARALLEL TO ANIMALS

DO NOT corral whales or dolphins between boats.
Successive boats must follow the same course.

BOW RIDING

Dolphins often approach boats to 'bow ride'. If this happens, maintain a steady course and speed... and enjoy!
Allow cetaceans to approach you. **DO NOT** pursue them.

Cetacean illustrations by Jim Wilson