

Please help Captain Hook



Captain Hook has been a resident of the Port River estuary for at least 25 years and he is about 35, which is old for a dolphin.

Hook received a wound in August this year which appears to have been made by a multipronged spear and just recently has had a fish hook in his mouth and a squid jag in his flank, both of which have fallen out.



His story:

In the 1990s Hook was part of a gang of five large males who ruled the estuary. Hook was inseparable from one of the gang in particular, a dolphin we called Two Notch. Two Notch disappeared about three years ago and is presumed dead. Since that time Hook has mostly been a loner.



For the past year or so he has been spending most of his time in the St Kilda area. During this time people have been throwing fish in the water for him to eat. This causes him to hang around people fishing and exposes him to intentional and accidental threats from fishing hooks.

Captain Hook is at risk of serious injury or even death if he keeps being fed. To help save Captain Hook, keep your distance and don't feed him. Bring your fishing line out of the water if he is close by, and please pass this important message on to your friends and colleagues!

Feeding and approaching wild dolphins has a negative and sometimes fatal impact on the dolphins putting them at risk of entanglement, becoming trapped, being hit by a boat or intentionally harmed.

Feeding or touching Marine Mammals or throwing food in areas where Marine Mammals are present is against the law and you risk a penalty of up to \$100,000.



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