

## Marine Creatures Sighted, Stranded or Landed 2012

### A list compiled by Raymond Dennis

- 9/1/12 2 Fin Whales were spotted from the air off Porth Hellick Point **SV929105** when approaching St. Mary's Airport, Isles of Scilly
- 9/1/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile were seen many times from 1000 to 1100 hrs 1 Km SSE of Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216** with hundreds of feeding Kittiwakes
- 9/1/12 A Basking Shark was seen swimming offshore at Brixham **50°40N 3°50W**
- 10/1/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile, were seen feeding 1Km SSE of Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216** from 1105 to 1135 hrs
- 11/1/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Exmouth Seafront **50°61N 3°40W**
- 12/1/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile, were 2 Km SW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout **SW365217** at 1105 hrs
- 13/1/12 7 or 8 Bottlenose Dolphins, including 2 juveniles were 2 KM north of Carbis Bay **SW528389** from 1005 to 1035hrs with many seabirds in the area.
- 15/1/12 2 Common Dolphins were seen feeding with Gulls heading east off Nare Head, Helford **SW800247** at 1212 hrs
- 17/1/12 A Harbour Porpoise was 200 metres west of The Cowloe, Sennen **SW348266** at 1103 hrs.
- 17/1/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 1 Km SE of Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216** at 1222 hrs
- 22/1/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 2 Km SE of Lizard Point **SW694115** at 1304 hrs
- 25/1/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 200 metres north of The Cowloe, Sennen **SW348266** at 1128 hrs
- 28/1/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile, were seen 100 metres west of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout **SW365217**, and 2 more adults with a juvenile were 1 Km SW of the Lookout at 1031hrs
- 31/1/12 3 or 4 dolphins, thought to be Bottlenose, were seen heading south off Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW350318** during the morning.
- 3/2/12 4 Harbour Porpoises were 500 metres SSW of Carn Glouce **SW354313** at 1224 hrs
- 3/2/12 3 Bottlenose Dolphins were just off Newlyn Harbour **SW467285** at 1600 hrs
- 5/2/12 At least 5 Harbour Porpoises were 1 to 1.5 Km Southeast of Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216** during the day
- 5/2/12 A Grey Seal was seen resting on rocks off Lower Penhallic Point. Tintagel **SX045876** at 1300 hrs
- 9/2/12 A Minke Whale surfaced twice about 3 Km southwest of the Gwennap Head NCI Lookout **SW367215** at 1055 hrs
- 9/2/12 2 Harbour Porpoises were seen several times between 1000 and 1130 hrs 3 Km off The Gwennap head NCI Lookout **SW367215**
- 9/2/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen off Falmouth **SW825316** heading toward St Anthony Head
- 11/2/12 3 or possibly 4 Bottlenose Dolphins headed north past Cot Valley **SW355308** about 200 metres offshore at 1220 hrs.
- 16/2/12 2 Harbour Porpoises were seen 2 Km SW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout **SW367215** at 0920 hrs
- 16/2/12 A cod weighing 43lb 9oz was caught 20 miles off Pevency Bay, east Sussex by first time angler Chris Proctor beating the previous record of 35lb landed in the English Channel.
- 17/2/12 6 or 7 Harbour Porpoises, including 2 juveniles, were seen under Gannets 1 Km SSE of Rospletha Head **SW384217** from 1150 to 1220 hrs
- 20/2/12 3 Bottlenose Dolphins, 2 adults with a juvenile, were just outside Newquay Harbour **SW808621** at 1120 hrs, herding and tail slapping, but no play evident. They then headed Northeast. There were a lot of mullet in the harbour yesterday, so perhaps they are still around. A female Grey Seal known as Trunk, was just outside the harbour and a juvenile Grey Seal was seen just off Towan Beach **SW815620**
- 25/2/12 6 Grey Seals, 5 large adults with a small pup, were seen playing close to the cliff off Nanjizal Cove **SW354236** from 1400 to 1530 hrs

- 26/2/12 18 to 20 Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding in small groups of up to 6 individuals, 1 to 3 Km south of Porthcurno [SW387222](#) from 1200 to 1230 hrs. The sea was flat calm with no gannets diving.
- 28/2/12 15 to 20 Harbour Porpoises were spread out feeding east and west of The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) , then 3 groups of 2, 5 and 7 headed west in mirror calm seas at 1430 hrs.
- 1/3/12 2 Harbour Porpoises and 20 Common Dolphins were seen off The Logan Rock [SW396219](#) today
- 1/3/12 At least 8 Harbour Porpoises were spread out SW of Gwennap head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) between 0900 and 1200 hrs 2 to 3 Km offshore
- 1/3/12 6 to 8 Bottlenose Dolphins, including at least 2 juveniles, were heading south 4 to 5 Km SSW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) from 0920 to 1010 hrs
- 8/3/12 4 Grey seals, 2 adults, were seen close to the cliff off Nanjizal Cove [SW354236](#) at 1300 hrs
- 11/3/12 Two harbour Porpoises were seen heading east 2 Km SSW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) at 1220hrs
- 12/3/12 3 or more dolphins were seen off Penzance Harbour [SW476303](#) early afternoon
- 16/3/12 4 Bottlenose Dolphins, including one juvenile, headed east off Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) at 1020 hrs
- 19/3/12 A Basking Shark about 15ft long was seen off Porthmeor Beach, St Ives [SW516410](#) at 1530 hrs
- 20/3/12 Four Bottlenose Dolphins went past Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW371216](#) during the morning
- 26/3/12 Two Bottlenose Dolphins headed west off Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) at 1246 hrs and 2 Harbour Porpoises were just offshore
- 1/4/12 A stranded dead Common Dolphin was found on the beach at Gorran Haven [SX013416](#)
- 2/4/12 A 15ft Thresher Shark was caught in a gill net 3 miles NNW of Newquay [SW815615](#). It was released unharmed and swam off vigorously.
- 3/4/12 A pod of 9 Bottlenose Dolphins including calves, was seen heading toward Cudden Point [SW545275](#)
- 6/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was Found stranded at Porthallow [SW797233](#)
- 6/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded at Skilly [SW470275](#), between Newlyn and Mousehole
- 7/4/12 A Basking Shark was seen from a charter boat 200 yds off St. Aldhelm's Head Dorset [50°57N 2°5W](#)
- 8/4/12 A Basking Shark was seen mackerel fishing off Anvil Point near St. Aldhelm's Head Dorset [50°57N 2°5 W](#)
- 8/4/12 An unidentified large whale, thought to be a Northern Right Whale, was seen 50 metres off Hot Point [SW717123](#) at midday. Several young anglers on the rocks had a good view as well as others higher up the cliff. It suddenly sounded with tail high out of the water
- 8/4/12 A pod of 6 Common Dolphins came close to a catamaran as it left Penzance Harbour [PZ476303](#)
- 9/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded on the beach at Perranporth [SW756544](#)
- 11/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded on Marazion Beach [SW514308](#)
- 12/4/12 There was another stranding of a dead cetacean at Hayle [SW549391](#) This was a Common Dolphin
- 12/4/12 A pod of 12 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen heading rapidly northwest of Towan Head in position [50°26.09N 05°07.77W](#)
- 12/4/12 A creature stranded dead at Porthmeor Beach St. Ives [SW516410](#) was a Harbour Porpoise
- 12/4/12 A small pod of 4 or 5 Bottlenose Dolphins was in The Gazzel, Newquay [SW803625](#) during the day
- 12/4/12 A dead Harbour Porpoise was found stranded at Penhale [SW756591](#)
- 12/4/12 Two harbour Porpoises were seen heading north 3Km SSW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) at 1215 hr
- 15/4/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen several times between 0900 to 1300 hrs, 500 metres to 1Km SW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#)
- 15/4/12 A Basking Shark was seen in Plymouth Harbour [50°36N 4°13W](#) It was seen from the esplanade just off the aquarium
- 16/4/12 3 Harbour Porpoises were spread out S and SW of Gwennap Head CSI Lookout [SW365217](#) from 0930 to 1300hrs
- 16/4/12 A pod of 8 to 10 Common Dolphins was just inside and east of the Runnelstone Buoy [SW369200](#) heading slowly west at 1130 hrs, They spent some time around a small white fishing boat and were still visible at 1300 hrs

- 16/4/12 A 3 to 4 ft Porbeagle Shark followed an angler's line and empty trace to the surface as it was being reeled in and nearly bumped into the boat. It swam off after a few seconds. The anglers were surprised as they were fishing off Newquay in position [50°29N 05°12W](#).
- 16/4/12 A Basking Shark was seen off The Lizard [SW694115](#)
- 16/4/12 20 or more Common Dolphins were seen off Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) and a Harbour Porpoise was seen later in the day
- 17/4/12 A dead Grey Seal was found stranded at Mawgan Porth [SW8467](#)
- 18/4/12 Another stranding at Porthmeor beach St Ives [SW516410](#) was a Grey Seal
- 19/4/12 A dead Harbour porpoise was found stranded on Porth Kidney Sands [SW5438](#)
- 20/4/12 An Orca or Killer Whale, breached well clear of the water just east and inside of the Runnelstone Buoy [SW369200](#) at 1920 hrs. It was pointing east as it breached but was not seen again despite a watch being kept in that direction.
- 20/4/12 A dead Harbour Porpoise was found stranded at Bude [SS201065](#)
- 21/4/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 2 Km WSW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) between 1145 and 1205 hrs
- 22/4/12 A dead Harbour Porpoise was found stranded at Portheras Cove [SW388358](#)
- 26/4/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 1 Km SE of Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) at 1555 hrs
- 27/4/12 3 Harbour porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile, were seen 3 Km SE of Porthgwarra Cove at 1455hrs
- 27/4/12 Two Harbour Porpoises were seen very close in to a rocky shore along the south Penwith Coast [SW4730](#)
- 28/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded at Portwrinkle [SX356539](#)
- 28/4/12 A pod of 5 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen outside Newquay Harbour [SW808621](#) during the day
- 28/4/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded at Lansalos [SX172509](#)
- 30/4/12 A pod of 5 Bottlenose Dolphins, including one juvenile, was seen off The Gazells Newquay [SW803626](#). Watched from the cliff top, they moved across the Bay as far as Porth [SW814628](#) and returned west around Towan Head to Fistral Beach [SW797620](#) before heading west. They were actively feeding, leaping and slapping down on their sides, breaking off briefly to bow ride boats. A flock of gannets overhead were scooping up from the sea and appeared to be working in harmony with the dolphins. It was mainly three feeding with one adult with the juvenile, but it was not clear if it was the same adult that was baby sitting.
- 30/4/12 A dead Grey Seal was found stranded at Harlyn Bay [SW8775](#)
- 2/5/12 A pod of 6 to 8 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen heading east and behind St. Michaels Mount [SW515301](#) at 1005 hrs
- 2/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen off the coast west of Mousehole [SW476263](#) during the day
- 2/5/12 A dead Grey Seal was found stranded Whitesand Bay Sennen [SW351263](#)
- 3/5/12 A dead harbour Porpoise was found stranded at Kennack Sands [SW739166](#)
- 3/5/12 A Basking shark was seen 1.5 Km SSW of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) at 0930 hrs
- 3/5/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen SW of the Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) at 0955 hrs
- 3/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Hella Point [SW370214](#) at 1015 hrs. This could have been the same shark as the one seen off Gwennap Head at 0955 hrs
- 4/5/12 A basking Shark was seen in Mounts Bay just off Penzance [SW476303](#)
- 4/5/12 2 basking Sharks were seen from a catamaran with a school trip aboard in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 5/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Kilcobben Cove [SW716126](#)
- 5/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen offshore at Porthgwarra [SW3471216](#)
- 5/5/12 4 harbour Porpoises, including a juvenile, were seen feeding with gannets in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 6/5/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded at Gyllyngvase Beach Falmouth [SW808316](#)
- 8/5/12 A dead Common Dolphin was found stranded at Dowederry [SX315538](#)
- 8/5/12 A Basking Shark was just off the end of Porthleven pier [SW626254](#) at 1400 hrs
- 8/5/12 2 Bottlenose Dolphins, an adult with a juvenile, came to inspect a catamaran in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 10/5/12 A dead Striped Dolphin was found stranded on the beach at Longrock [SW498308](#)
- 10/5/12 3 Basking Sharks were seen off Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 0730hrs and another to the north of the Cape. Later in the morning another was seen near The Brisons [SW340311](#)

- 11/5/12 A pod of about 20 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen approximately 2 miles east of Lizard Point SW694115 at 1200 hrs. They were all large animals of about 4 metres and one had a white dorsal
- 11/5/12 A dead Common Dolphin was stranded on Marazion Beach SW514308
- 13/5/12 A dead Common Dolphin was stranded at Porthcurno SW387222
- 13/5/12 A pod of 5 Rissos Dolphins was seen heading slowly west close inshore off the South Penwith Coast SW4222
- 16/5/12 5 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730, a single and a group of 4 feeding.
- 16/5/12 A 3 metre Basking Shark was seen off Kennack Sands SW739166 at midday.
- 18/5/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen in heavy swell in Mounts Bay SW4730
- 19/5/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, a mother with a new calf and a last year's calf were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730. Photos were taken.
- 19/5/12 A pod of about 10 unidentified dolphins was seen from the Scillonian III as she headed toward the Isles
- 20/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen from Cape Cornwall 200 metres west of The Brisons SW340311 at 1250 hrs, and two more were seen at 1300hrs 300 metres further west
- 20/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen in Whitesand Bay SW 3527
- 20/5/12 5 Harbour Porpoises were seen in 3 different places in Mounts Bay SW4730
- 20/5/12 A 5 metre Basking Shark was seen in Mounts Bay SW4730
- 20/5/12 A 5 metre Basking Shark was seen heading west off Portwrinkle SX356539 at 1300 hrs
- 20/5/12 An 8 to 10ft Basking Shark entered Looe Harbour SX254533 at about 1600 hrs and swam around for about an hour, then left with crowds watching from the quayside and the Banjo Pier
- 22/5/12 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730
- 23/5/12 A pod of about 10 unidentified dolphins was seen from the Mevagissey Ferry SX017447 during the morning
- 24/5/12 2 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730
- 24/5/12 5 Grey Seals, including one juvenile, was seen playing below the cliff at Pordennack Point SW345241 from 1240 to 1400hrs
- 24/5/12 A pod of 70 to 100 Common Dolphins was watched feeding under hundreds of gannets from 1500 to 1815hrs off Bass Point SW716118
- 24/5/12 A 3 metre Baking Shark was seen off Cadgwith SW722142
- 24/5/12 A pod of 7 Common Dolphins was seen heading south off Gorran Haven SX013416 at 1300 hrs
- 25/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen feeding heading west off Sennen SW350263 at 1100hrs
- 27/5/12 4 very large Bottlenose Dolphins were seen off the lifeboat station at Rock SW932757 at 1215hrs They were feeding heading west but there was extreme disturbance by three small speed boats being surrounded and herded.
- 29/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen first from shore at 1530hrs off Praa Sands SW5728. It was then followed by kayakers for ½ hour as it headed west. It looked very healthy and was happily feeding all the while.
- 29/5/12 A Basking Shark was seen heading north off Pedn-men-du. Mayon Cliff SW347263 at 1545hrs
- 30/5/12 A large male Grey Seal was seen bottling offshore at Mousehole SW470263 at 0955hrs
- 30/5/12 A 10ft Porbeagle Shark was hooked by boat anglers off the coast near Boscastle SX097913 and was released.
- 30/5/12 A small Basking Shark was seen off Praa Sands SW5728 at 0930hrs. Estimated size 2 metres. It was not heading anywhere, just hanging about, but looked healthy. Seen again a couple of hours later 2 km west, but could have been a second individual.
- 31/5/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730, one swimming the other breaching
- 31/5/12 A Rissos Dolphin was found stranded at the high tide line early in the morning at Perranporth SW756544. BDMLR kept the dolphin wet and cool in the sun until they were able to take it back to open water where it eventually swam off.
- 1/6/12 4 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730 from a wildlife viewing catamaran. Later an Ocean Sunfish was seen and then off Lamorna Cove SW451241 about 40 Rissos Dophins. First about 20 came past in groups of 4 or 5 with calves, then two more groups of 4 or 5 came past with calves. Later a pod of about 20 was seen heading in the opposite direction, probably some of the same dolphins.

- 3/6/12 A wildlife tour catamaran left Penzance harbour, but rough conditions soon turned them back, but they were still fortunate to see 3 Ocean Sunfish in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 3/6/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen heading north off Pedn-men-du, Mayon Cliff [SW347263](#) at 1230hrs
- 4/6/12 A Basking Shark and a Harbour Porpoise were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). The Porpoise was photographed close inshore off Penzance Prom.
- 4/6/12 2 Grey Seals were seen swimming at Sally's Cove [SW677470](#) at 1630hrs
- 5/6/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the evening
- 5/6/12 A dead decomposing Whale was reported on the foreshore at St Loy [SW424230](#). It was later considered to be a Basking Shark
- 6/6/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen to breach 4 times in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the evening
- 7/6/12 A Striped Dolphin was found stranded alive on Coombe Beach Fowey [SW835409](#) but it died soon after BDMLR medics arrived. It was in a poor state with damaged jaws and euthanasia would have occurred to put it out of its suffering.
- 9/6/12 Some Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 10/6/12 A large Basking Shark was seen off Porth Nanven [SW355309](#) at 0600hrs
- 10/6/12 A large Basking Shark was seen off Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 0930hrs
- 10/6/12 A Grey Seal was seen below the Watch at Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 0950hrs
- 10/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen near The Brisons [SW340311](#) at 1000hrs
- 10/6/12 A 5 to 6 metre Basking Shark was seen feeding heading west off Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) at 1710hrs
- 10/6/12 2 large Basking Sharks were seen ½ mile north of The Brisons [SW340311](#) at 1300hrs
- 10/6/12 2 Harbour Porpoises, a mother with calf, were seen feeding close inshore in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the afternoon, and another was seen that seemed to be very interested in the viewing catamaran, during the evening
- 11/6/12 There were two Basking Sharks off Lamorna Cove [SW451241](#) today
- 11/6/12 Two Basking Sharks, a 10 metre adult with a juvenile were seen feeding back and forth off Pendeen Lighthouse [SW377358](#) at 1230hrs
- 11/6/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today, one was a 6 metre Shark the other a baby, only 1½ metres long. Three Grey Seals were also seen hauled out on rocks.
- 11/6/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen heading north off Pedn-men-du, Mayon Cliff [SW347263](#) at 1115hrs
- 12/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen just offshore from Treen Cliff [SW394222](#) at 1300hrs
- 12/6/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 12/6/12 Several Basking Sharks were seen in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) today
- 12/6/12 A 10 metre Basking shark was seen circling off Sennen [SW350263](#) at 1230 hrs
- 12/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Porthcurno [SW3872322](#)
- 12/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Penberth [SW404226](#)
- 12/6/12 A large Basking Shark was seen by a surfer at Sennen Cove [SW350263](#)
- 12/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen 1½ miles west of Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) in the morning
- 12/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen ½ mile northwest of Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 1400hrs
- 13/6/12 5 Basking Sharks, including one juvenile, were seen circling and heading southwest off Pendeen [SW377355](#) at 1830hrs
- 13/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen heading north off Pedn-men-du, Mayon Cliff [SW347263](#) at 1530hrs
- 14/6/12 Several Basking Sharks were seen in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) today.
- 16/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen off St. Clement's Island [SW470263](#) at 1000hrs
- 17/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen from the NCI Lookout at Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) to the north of the Watch at 1100hrs
- 17/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen 200 metres south of the Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout [SW349318](#) at 1310hrs
- 17/6/12 3 unidentified dolphins were seen heading north ½ mile west of the NCI Lookout at Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 1345hrs
- 17/6/12 A very large Basking Shark was seen several times during the day by surfers at Sennen Cove [SW350263](#)

- 17/6/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning and another pod of 80 or more Common Dolphins was seen off Mousehole [SW470263](#) during the afternoon
- 17/6/12 Two Risso's Dolphins were seen going past Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) from 0730hrs to midday.
- 19/6/12 A small pod of 4 Common Dolphins and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 19/6/12 A large Basking Shark was seen 250 metres west of the Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout [SW350318](#) at 1530hrs
- 19/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Lands End [SW341253](#) at 1615hrs
- 20/6/12 A small Basking Shark, only 3 metres long was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 22/6/12 There were 5 sightings of Basking Sharks off Pendeen Watch [SW337358](#) between 1400 and 1600hrs, but it was thought to be only two sharks
- 23/6/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen off Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#), 30 mts and 100mts offshore. One was floating belly up with 2 Herring Gulls in attendance, one was pecking at it
- 23/6/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen milling on the surface heading southeast off Carbis Bay [SW528389](#) at 1800hrs.
- 24/6/12 Gulls gathered excitedly over what looked like a flat calm sea 3 km off Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) at 1330hrs, then something broke surface and was seen thrashing about like a large snake. Then it breached completely out of the water revealing that it was a Thresher Shark perhaps as long as 18ft.
- 24/6/12 A Basking Shark went past Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#) during the morning.
- 24/6/12 A Common Dolphin was seen off Groyne Point [SW742263](#) in the Helford Estuary traversing back and forth between the main river up to Gweek and Polwheveral Creek
- 24/6/12 A 4 metres Basking Shark was seen heading west off Treen Cove [SW435383](#) at 1500hrs
- 24/6/12 A Basking Shark was seen heading north off Pedn-men-du, Mayon Cliff [SW347263](#) at 1150hrs
- 25/6/12 A 4 metre Basking Shark and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 26/6/12 A pod of about 6 Bottlenose Dolphins, including a possible juvenile, was seen heading across the bay from the Island at Porthmeor [SW516410](#) at 1336hrs. They were watched for about 10 minutes, some breaching. At least one was seen heading back the other way a little later.
- 26/6/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 27/6/12 A 3 metres Basking Shark and 3 Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 27/6/12 Several Basking Sharks were seen in the vicinity of The Longships Lighthouse [SW320253](#) during the day
- 27/6/12 An unidentified dolphin was seen heading southwest off the mouth of the Helford River [SW7926](#) at 1315hrs. Seen from the same boat was a Basking Shark in the same area at 1420hrs. and another dolphin, thought to be a different dolphin to the earlier one was seen at 1500hrs
- 28/6/12 A pod of 12 to 15 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen heading north off Pedn-men-du, Mayon Cliff [SW347263](#) from 0800 to 0930hrs.
- 28/6/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen off The Rumps [SW933811](#) in the afternoon.
- 28/6/12 A Bottlenose Dolphin was seen going past Porthgwarra Cove [SW371215](#) during the day.
- 29/6/12 Two Grey Seals were seen bottling just offshore at Little London, Marazion [SW525302](#) at 0940hrs
- 29/6/12 Four Basking Sharks were seen off Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#) between 1000 and 1100hrs between 300mts and 2 Km offshore
- 1/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen west of the NCI Lookout at Cape Cornwall [SW350318](#) at 1120hrs
- 1/7/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen 100 metres off Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout [SW350318](#) at 1255hrs
- 1/7/12 Two Basking Sharks, one quite large, were seen between Cape Cornwall and Carn Glouce [SW350315](#) at 1330hrs
- 1/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen breaching from a wildlife viewing Catamaran in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 1/7/12 A Birdwatcher reported seeing a Basking Shark off Nanquidno Valley [SW357294](#) during the day.
- 4/7/12 A 2½ metre Leatherback Turtle, a Minke Whale and a breaching Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today
- 4/7/12 A pod of 5 or 6 Bottlenose Dolphins were actively playing very close inshore at Sennen Cove beach [SW355265](#) at 2145hrs
- 4/7/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen close inshore below the Watch at Cape Cornwall [SW350318](#) at 1150 hrs

- 5/7/12 A 4 metre Basking Shark and an Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today
- 5/7/12 A 4 metre Basking Shark was seen milling, possibly feeding, outside The Cowloe [SW348266](#) for ½ hour at about 2130hrs
- 6/7/12 A pod of inquisitive Rissos Dolphins came close to a wildlife viewing catamaran off Lamorna Cove [SW452238](#) during the afternoon and were soon joined by a pod of Common Dolphins. Elsewhere in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) a Harbour Porpoise and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen
- 6/7/12 At least 5 Rissos Dolphins, including 2 juveniles, headed west past Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) about 2 Km offshore from 1145 to 1200hrs. At the same time a pod of Common Dolphins was also heading west slightly further out. 6 Harbour Porpoises were also in the area, spread out 1 to 2 Km offshore
- 7/7/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding under lots of Gannets in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 7/7/12 A Grey Seal was seen off Gyllyngvase Beach [SW808316](#) at 2000hrs
- 8/7/12 There were brief glimpses of a pod of Common Dolphins in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) in the morning but a close encounter with the pod in the afternoon from a wildlife viewing catamaran.
- 8/7/12 A small Ocean sunfish, only about 25cm across, was seen 100 metres off Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) at 1330hrs
- 8/7/12 2 Harbour Porpoises were seen ½ mile west of The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) at 1400hrs
- 8/7/12 A large Basking Shark, 7 to 8 metres long, was seen outside of the Brisons [SW340311](#) at 1530hrs
- 8/7/12 2 Basking Sharks, 3 metres and 7 metres long, were seen 400 metres west of Lands End [SW341253](#) at 1450hrs
- 8/7/12 2 Basking Sharks of 8 metres or more were seen in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) at 1600hrs
- 8/7/12 6 Harbour Porpoises were seen off Lands End [SW341253](#) at 1700hrs
- 8/7/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins was seen off Low Lee [SW481272](#) at 1740hrs
- 8/7/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins was seen off Porthcurno [SW387222](#) at 1730hrs
- 8/7/12 About 10 Common Dolphins headed west off Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) at 1050hrs, followed by another small group at 1110hrs. A large Basking Shark was also seen to the west of the Runnelstone [SW369200](#)
- 9/7/12 A Basking Shark was 100 metres north of Pendeen watch [SW377359](#) from 1300 to 1335hrs. Two Ocean Sunfish were also in the area soliciting gulls
- 9/7/12 A pod of at least 15 Common Dolphins was seen being very active, breaching and circling between Church Cove The Lizard [SW715127](#), the Lizard Lifeboat Station [SW716125](#) and Kilocobben Cove [SW716126](#) at 0900hrs. They were feeding about 300 metres offshore then headed fast toward the east at 0930hrs
- 9/7/12 A 6 to 7 metre Basking Shark was circling and feeding 200 metres off The Lizard Lifeboat Station [SW716125](#) from 1050 to 1100hrs
- 9/7/12 Several Basking Sharks were in Whitesand Bay [SW3526](#) today
- 9/7/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen in 3 different places in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today. Also a Basking Shark was seen feeding
- 10/7/12 A pod of Common Dolphins was bow riding a wildlife viewing catamaran in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning and Common Dolphins were seen socialising in the afternoon. Lots of Ocean Sunfish were also seen.
- 10/7/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins was seen 100 metres south of St. Michaels Mount [SW514298](#) at 1845hrs
- 10/7/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins was seen east of Penzance Harbour Mouth [SW476303](#) at 2100hrs. Probably the same pod seen near St. Michael Mount earlier in the day
- 11/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today and 3 Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks at Roskilly [SW472272](#)
- 13/7/12 4 Bottlenose Dolphins and an Ocean Sunfish were seen off Rumps Point [SW931812](#) during the evening
- 14/7/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen off Nanquidno Valley [SW357294](#) during the afternoon.
- 14/7/12 A pod of dolphins, probably Common Dolphins, were 5 to 6 Km NW of Pendeen Watch [SW377355](#) heading SW under gannets at 1125hrs
- 14/7/12 Six Basking Sharks were spread out 1.5 Km offshore west of Sennen [SW351263](#) at 1220hrs
- 15/7/12 A 5 metre Basking Shark was seen off Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) at 1900hrs

- 15/7/12 A pod of about 4 Bottlenose Dolphins, with a possible juvenile, was seen west of Polperro **SX210509** at 1830hrs. A visiting yacht passed on the sighting to Fowey Harbour Office
- 15/7/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** both in the morning and the afternoon. Also seen in the Bay during the afternoon was a pod of more than 30 Common Dolphins, including several calves, some very small.
- 15/7/12 A Dolphin, probably a Bottlenose, surface once about 400 metres off Porthgwarra **SW371216** at about 1130hrs
- 16/7/12 A pod of 30 or more Common Dolphins and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen off Polzeath **SW9378**
- 16/7/12 A pod of about 20 Common Dolphins was seen just outside St. Clements Island **SW474261**
- 17/7/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen offshore at Nanquidno **SW357294** during the afternoon
- 17/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen offshore at Levant **SW370344** during the day
- 17/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** in the afternoon
- 17/7/12 A small pod of unidentified dolphins, perhaps 8 or more, was seen well spread out heading east  $\frac{3}{4}$ mile off Nare Head **SW916370** at 1235hrs
- 19/7/12 A large pod of Common Dolphins, including several calves, was found well offshore in Mounts Bay **SW4730** in the afternoon. They came to bow ride a wildlife viewing catamaran for a while then went off to feed under clouds of diving gannets.
- 19/7/12 About 10 Common Dolphins were seen around a yacht some 5 Km SW of Gwennap Head Lookout **SW365217** at 1010hrs
- 19/7/12 A small Minke Whale, about 12 to 15ft, surfaced frequently off Gribba Head **SW355302** at 1300hrs
- 19/7/12 Three Harbour Porpoises were seen around the Brisons **SW340311**, and three Basking Sharks in Whitesand Bay **SW3527** at 1300hrs
- 19/9/12 There seemed to be Harbour Porpoises everywhere in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today. They were seen feeding under gannets in large pods throughout a 30 mile trip. Grey seals hauled out on rocks around the Bay were also seen.
- 20/7/12 Four small Groups of Common Dolphins, including juveniles, about 40 in total, were off Carn Glouce **SW354313** and to the SW and NW of the Brisons **SW340311** about 2 to 6 Km offshore , many feeding under gannet between 1230 and 1400hrs
- 20/7/12 Five Basking Sharks were in Whitesand Bay **SW3527** spread out from Sennen to Cape Cornwall from 1230 to 1400hrs
- 20/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen in Gamper Bay **SW345255** today
- 20/7/12 9 Basking Sharks, 4 pairs and a single, were seen in separate sighting in an area NE of Cape Cornwall **SW349318** and 2 Ocean Sunfish, each 2 to 3ft diameter, were seen south of the Longships Lighthouse **SW320253**
- 20/9/12 A Minke Whale and a pod of 10 or more Bottlenose Dolphins were seen to pass Pendennis Point **SW826315** during the day
- 20/9/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today and Grey Seals hauled out on rocks around the bay
- 21/7/12 Several Basking Sharks and an Ocean Sunfish were seen in Whitesand Bay **SW3527** today
- 21/7/12 A pod of Common Dolphins was milling and breaching around a wildlife viewing catamaran in Mounts Bay **SW4730** during the morning. A Leatherback Turtle was also seen, as well as an Ocean Sunfish and several glimpses of Harbour Porpoises. In the afternoon the people aboard the catamaran were treated to views of four different pods of Harbour Porpoises in the Bay.
- 21/7/12 A 4-5 Metre Basking Shark came close to a kayaker and stayed feeding for 10 to 15 minutes about 4 miles north of The Eddystone Lighthouse **SX3839** at 1030hrs. There was a small light mark half way up the leading edge of its dorsal.
- 21/7/12 A 3 metre Basking Shark was seen off Maen Castle **SW348257** at 1400hrs and two more 3 metre sharks were seen a little later in Whitesand Bay **SW3527**
- 21/7/12 A pod of 10 to 15 Common Dolphins was seen about 4Km NNW of Pendeen Watch **SW377358** from 1445 to 1520hrs
- 22/7/12 A pod of 20 or more Common Dolphins was bow riding a catamaran just south of St Michaels Mount **SW504298** and 2 pods of Harbour Porpoises were also seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730**. One pod was feeding under gannets the other came close to the catamaran. Also seen in Mounts Bay were a Basking Shark feeding, and lots of Ocean Sunfish



22/7/12 A 1.5 metre Ocean Sunfish was seen heading west off The Rumps [SW933811](#) at 1245hrs

22/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen heading northeast off Church Cove, The Lizard, [SW715127](#) at 1440hrs

22/7/12 Five Basking Sharks were seen feeding off Kennack Sands [SW739166](#) at 1250hrs. They were all about 3.5 metres long

22/7/12 A pod of 6 to 10 Common Dolphins was seen heading south about 7 Km west of Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) then came in to about 4 Km off the Head and stayed feeding under gannets from 1010 to 1130hrs. A Basking Shark was seen briefly west of The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) at 1050hrs and an Ocean Sunfish beneath the Watch soliciting gulls

22/7/12 A pod of Common Dolphins was feeding under gannets 3 Km southeast of Logan Rock [SW396219](#) at 1603hrs

23/7/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen foraging in small groups of 2 to 5 animals, probably 15 animals or more in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). A small Basking Shark was also seen feeding, and lots of Ocean Sunfish.

24/7/12 A Leatherback Turtle, a Basking Shark, 4 different groups of Harbour Porpoises and loads of Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.

24/7/12 A small pod of Common Dolphins was seen 1 mile west of the Isles of Scilly [SV8313](#)

24/7/12 A juvenile Basking Shark swam across the bow of a boat 2 miles due south of Lizard Point [SW694115](#) at 1135hrs. It was sleek, not fully grown in length or girth and had unmarked light coloured skin

24/7/12 A 2 metre Leatherback Turtle was first seen at 1206hrs on the surface in position [50°46'15N 05.92.82 W](#) It swam beside a dive boat for 4 minutes then dived. It surfaced several times at 10 minute intervals completely unphased by divers in a Blue Shark Cage. There were pods of Common Dolphins and a Blue Shark around the cage throughout a 5 hour period and Blue Jellies and Comb Jellies on the surface

24/7/12 A Leatherback Turtle was seen off Trevoise Head [SW850765](#) during the day

25/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen 3 miles off Fowey [SX123514](#) at 1400hrs. It swam beside a boat for several minutes before diving.

25/7/12 Three or 4 Common Dolphins were seen briefly, about 10 seconds, before diving, about 1 mile west of the Isles of Scilly [SV8313](#) at 1340hrs

25/7/12 Harbour Porpoises were being seen all day in various places in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today, but the best viewing was in the afternoon off The Minack Cliff Theatre [SW387220](#). One group was recognised due to a nick in the leading edge of the dorsal of one of the adults. One breached clear of the water, which is very unusual for a Porpoise. A few Ocean Sunfish were also seen and one breached in the morning, but they were basking in the afternoon.

25/7/12 Two Leatherback Turtles were seen about 14 miles northwest of Newquay [SW807620](#) on a Pelagic Birding Trip

25/7/12 4 Bottlenose Dolphins were seen off St. Ives [SW520407](#) during the morning

25/7/12 There was a pod of 20 to 30 Common Dolphins 3 Km SSW of Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) from 1215 to 1300hrs

25/7/12 Two Leatherback Turtles, both about 2 metres long surface about 50 metres apart some distance from a dive boat at 1230hrs in position [50°38.16N 05°14.86W](#) They dived and surfaced separately several time coming ever near the dive boat with divers in a Blue Shark Cage. They circled the boat at about 25 metres distance, diving and surfacing, each dive lasting about 20 minutes. One of them put its flippers bolt upright in the air for a couple of minutes. During a 5 hour period there were Common Dolphins actively feeding around the cage and the divers could hear them communicating and there were 7 Blue Sharks around the cage and Blue Jellies on the surface

26/7/12 Seven Basking Sharks, ranging in size from 3 metres to 6 metres were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today. Also seen in the Bay were 15 Harbour Porpoises in groups of 2 to more than 6 animals, and lots of Ocean Sunfish

26/7/12 A 4 metre Basking Shark was seen feeding about 4 miles off Mousehole [SW470263](#) at 1300hrs

26/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in the entrance of Fowey Harbour [SX120509](#) at 1000hrs

26/7/12 A pod of 6 to 8 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen heading east off Rame Head Coastwatch Station [SX419481](#) at 1540hrs

- 26/7/12 Five or six Common Dolphins were seen from Carn Glouce feeding in the tide race behind The Brisons **SW340311** from 1240 to 1330hrs, also 5 Basking Sharks were in the area east and west of the Brisons, one with a very deeply cleft dorsal fin.
- 27/7/12 Scores of gannets were raining out of the sky with groups of Harbour Porpoises feeding underneath in rough seas in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today. An Ocean Sunfish was also seen.
- 27/7/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen off St Ives **SW520407**
- 28/7/12 More than 30 Harbour Porpoises were herding up fish causing a gannet feeding event in Mounts Bay **SW4730** during the morning, and the experience was witnessed again during the afternoon with a group of 4 porpoises coming around and under the boat. A Compass Jellyfish was also seen.
- 28/7/12 A large pod of 100 to 150 Common Dolphins was feeding under gannets spread out 4 Km off Pendeen Watch **SW377358** at 1430hrs. Then at 1530hrs they suddenly headed west in small groups moving very fast.
- 28/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen between the rocks and the mainland at Pendeen Watch **SW377358** at 1500hrs
- 29/7/12 Over 30 Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding in the same area as yesterday under 100s of gannets in Mounts Bay **SW4730**. Between bouts of feeding they came around the boat. They were seen again during the afternoon when a very large Basking Shark, over 7 metres, was also seen.
- 29/7/12 A small Pod of Common Dolphins was 3 Km south of The Minack Cliff Theatre **SW387220** from 1500 to 1600hrs, and 2 Harbour Porpoises were just offshore
- 29/7/12 A Basking Shark was 1.5Km south of The Minack Cliff Theatre **SW387220** at 1525hrs
- 29/7/12 A small pod of Common Dolphins was seen 3Km off Gwennap Head Lookout **SW365217** at 1700hrs
- 29/7/12 A pod of dolphins went west past the Gwennap Head Lookout **SW365217** at 0800hrs
- 30/7/12 About 30 Basking Sharks were in Whitesand Bay **SW3527** today.
- 30/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen near the Runnelstone **SW369200**
- 30/7/12 40 or more Common Dolphins were racing up and down, breaching and feeding with a few Harbour Porpoises in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today. An Ocean Sunfish was also seen in the Bay
- 30/7/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Gwennap Head **SW367215** at 0845hrs.
- 30/7/12 A small pod of Common Dolphins was seen from Porthgwarra Beach **SW371216** at 0930hrs, and later 6 or 7 were seen in the same place from the cliff above at 1245hrs. Also there was an Ocean Sunfish off the Cove.
- 31/7/12 There were 3 pods of Harbour Porpoises seen in Mounts Bay during the morning. One pod consisted of more than 20 animals feeding under gannets. An Ocean Sunfish was also seen.
- 1/8/12 4 Ocean Sunfish were seen off Rumps Point **SW931812** during the evening.
- 2/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen to breach off Levant **SW370344** during the afternoon.
- 2/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** during the morning, and another was seen to breach during the afternoon.
- 3/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216**
- 3/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle passed westward off Porthgwarra Cove **SW367215** at 1120hrs
- 4/8/12 A Kayaker off Porthpean **SX039506** reported seeing a Minke Whale
- 5/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle hung around at the surface for long periods between two long dives in Mount Bay **SW4730** today. Lots of Harbour Porpoises were seen throughout the day foraging with gannets and resting at the surface at times. One breached high enough to get its tail out of the water. Lots of Ocean Sunfish were also seen, and Grey Seals resting on the rocks in their usual places
- 6/8/12 A Basking Shark was close in off the Harbour Car Park at Sennen **SW351263** during the afternoon
- 6/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Land's End **SW341253** during the day
- 6/8/12 A very large Basking Shark was seen off Nanquidno **SW357294**
- 6/8/12 12 Ocean Sunfish were seen between St Agnes Head **SW697515** and Trevaunance Cove **SW721516**, closer to the later, at 1330hrs. 7 were close together and the others spread out over the next 400 metres. They were all about 2 to 3 ft long with gulls in attendance.
- 6/8/12 Large pods of feeding Harbour Porpoises under diving gannets were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today as well as Ocean Sunfish basking and breaching
- 6/8/12 4 or 5 Harbour Porpoises were feeding under gannets 3 to 4 Km southeast of Gwennap Head **SW367215** at 1500hrs

- 7/8/12 3 Ocean Sunfish were 200 metres NE of Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#) at 1330hrs. One breached
- 7/8/12 4 Basking Sharks, 5 Common Dolphins and an Ocean Sunfish were seen off Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) today by a Birdwatcher. at 1330hrs
- 7/8/12 A pod of about 30 Common Dolphins was seen off Mousehole [SW470263](#)
- 8/8/12 Quite a few Basking Sharks were in the Bay today at Sennen Cove [SW351263](#)
- 8/8/12 2 Groups of Bottlenose Dolphins, 5 or 6 animals in the first group and 2 or 3 in the second were moving slowly between St Clements Isle [SW474261](#) and Mousehole Harbour at 1800hrs
- 8/8/12 50 or more Common Dolphins were in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning
- 8/8/12 12 Basking Sharks were seen in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) at 1000hrs
- 8/8/12 There were pods of Harbour Porpoises in different place, probably 30 or more animals in total. in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning, and also an Ocean Sunfish. In the afternoon there were 100 or more Common Dolphins, pods of Harbour Porpoises, a Basking Shark and an Ocean Sunfish
- 8/8/12 A pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was seen off Mousehole [SW470263](#) during the evening
- 8/8/12 15 Basking Sharks were off Pendeen [SW377355](#) at 1035hrs. mostly NE and NW 3 to 4 Km out, but 2 were inside the rocks with very noticeable fresh injuries to their dorsal fins. 3 Ocean Sunfish were also in the area, 2 very close in to the rocks, the other 2 Km out
- 8/8/12 6 Basking Sharks were seen from Carn Glouce [SW331354](#), some were in Whitesand Bay and others around the Brisons at 1030hrs
- 8/8/12 3 Harbour porpoises were seen north of the Longships Lighthouse [SW320253](#) from 1230 to 1300hrs
- 9/8/12 There were teens of Basking Sharks in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) during the day
- 9/8/12 A Basking Shark was off Porthcurno [SW387222](#) in the morning
- 9/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle, a pod of Common Dolphins feeding and lots of different groups of Harbour Porpoises were in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning.
- 9/8/12 10 Basking Sharks were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the day and lots of Ocean Sunfish during the afternoon
- 9/8/12 3 Basking Sharks were seen from the helicopter returning from the Isles of Scilly offshore at Porthcurno [SW387222](#) at 1700hrs
- 9/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle was seen by a kayaker coming back to the mainland from the Isles of Scilly
- 9/8/12 A fisherman from Cadgwith [SW722142](#) came across a Leatherback Turtle tangled in a crab pot marker buoy rope with the rope around its neck. The fisherman was able to free the turtle and it swam off at a rate of knots.
- 9/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen heading slowly west beneath the surface, not feeding, off The Minack Cliff Theatre [SW387220](#) 10 to 15 metres offshore in clear calm water
- 9/8/12 A two metre Basking Shark was seen from a yacht in Bigbury Bay [SX650444](#) at 1205hrs
- 9/8/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen from Porthgwarra [SW371216](#), from 1105 to 1130hrs. They were inside The Runnelstone
- 9/8/12 5 Basking Sharks were seen from Carn Glouce [SW354313](#) east and west of the Brisons at 1310hrs
- 10/8/12 Ocean Sunfish were seen basking and breaching in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today.
- 10/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle was seen about 2 Km north of Padstow [SW919754](#) heading south
- 11/8/12 10 Basking Sharks were seen off Carn Glouce [SW354313](#) during the evening
- 11/8/12 3 Basking Sharks were off Botallack [SW361338](#) today
- 12/8/12 2 Basking Sharks were off Carn Glouce [SW354313](#) today
- 12/8/12 5 Basking Sharks were seen offshore at Kenidjack Valley [SW354327](#) during the afternoon
- 12/8/12 A Basking Shark breached 3ft clear of the water in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today
- 12/8/12 A pod of Common Dolphins was seen off Penzance Promenade [SW472297](#) during the day
- 12/8/12 There were great views of Harbour Porpoises in various place in Mount Bay [SW4730](#) during the day and also an Ocean Sunfish was seen.
- 12/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle was seen ¼ mile off Pentire Head [SW780615](#) at 1500hrs
- 12/8/12 A Fin Whale was seen tail breaching within 30 metres of the east end of Hemmick Beach [SW993404](#) at 0830hrs. It then headed out to Gell Point [SW998399](#) and repeated the behaviour before heading out to deeper water in Veryan Bay
- 13/8/12 A pod of more than 10 Common Dolphins was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today and also an Ocean Sunfish

13/8/12 A 60ft Fin Whale Stranded alive at Carlyon Bay [SX057522](#). Crowds of people gathered on the beach hoping to see it re-floated, but it was rolling about in the surf and it was too dangerous for divers to get in the water for fear of being crushed by its weight. It died the next day and was towed out and taken for autopsy.

14/8/12 A Harbour Porpoise and 5 Ocean Sunfish, one of them breaching, were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today

14/8/12 A Basking Shark was inside the rocks off Pendeen [SW377355](#) at 1035hrs and 3 more were out in the tide race NE and NW

14/8/12 4 Basking Sharks were seen from Carn Glouce [SW354313](#) east and west of The Brisons at 1205hrs

16/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen offshore at Levant Mine [SW370344](#) during the day

16/8/12 A Basking Shark was photographed close to kayakers at Sennen Cove [SW351363](#) at 1227hrs

16/8/12 At least 2 Ocean Sunfish were 400 metres NE of Pendeen [SW377355](#) between 1000 and 1200hrs

17/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish and 2 Harbour Porpoises were seen under gannets behind The Cowloe at Sennen [SW348216](#) at 1120hrs

18/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen off Sennen Cove [SW351363](#) during the day

18/8/12 A Basking Shark and 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)

18/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen near The Manacles Buoy [SW815205](#) at 1300hrs

19/8/12 A dead 0.5 metre Ocean Sunfish was found on Wembury Beach [SX516484](#)

19/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen passing Torquay Princess Pier [SX915635](#) today.

19/8/12 A 0.5 Ocean Sunfish was seen off Gloweth Carne, St Agnes Head [SW697575](#) at 1400hrs. It was on the surface breaching and being pecked at by 2 juvenile Herring Gulls.

19/8/12 Lots of Basking Sharks and 18 Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today. Some Sunfish were swimming, some basking others were being cleaned by juvenile Herring Gulls

19/8/12 A Turtle was seen near the Great Mewstone [SX500474](#) by a yachtsman

19/8/12 3 Basking Sharks were 2 to 4 Km NW of The Brisons [SW340311](#), 3 Harbour Porpoises were just south of The Brisons and 6 or 7 Common Dolphins were just outside of The Brisons heading NE with some fishing activity between 1200 and 1400hrs

20/8/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen off Botallack Head [SW361338](#)

20/8/12 A Minke Whale gave good views in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today for it stayed at the surface in the same area for some time

20/8/12 A pod of 150 or more Common Dolphins was seen racing southwest at Carn Base [SW480278](#), and loads of Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) as well as several Grey Seals hauled out on rocks in their usual places around the Bay

20/8/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen 3 to 4 Km NE of Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#)

21/8/12 Lots of Harbour Porpoises were seen today in various places in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). They were in pods of 3 to 7 with a total of about 15. Also lots of Ocean Sunfish were seen, some breaching. Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks at low tide, including a juvenile with its first year yellow coat

21/8/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen north of The Cowloe [SW348266](#) heading SW between 0835 and 0900hrs

22/8/12 Two different pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) totalling about 15 animals. Ocean Sunfish were being seen throughout the day, including some really big ones and Grey Seal were hauled out on rock in the usual places, including a young yellow coated one

23/8/12 A pod of Common Dolphins was seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning, and pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen on each trip out today. There were lots of Ocean Sunfish in the Bay and Grey Seal were hauled out on rocks in the usual places

23/8/12 Three 6 metre Basking Sharks were seen feeding and heading west near a wildlife watching boat off Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 1745hrs

23/8/12 There were several Basking Sharks in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) today

23/8/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen east and West of The Runnelstone Reef [SW369200](#) at 1130hrs. There was some harassment by 2 RIBS with divers at 1130hrs

23/8/12 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen near The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) heading west at 1215hrs

23/8/12 A pod of 7 to 10 Common Dolphins was seen to the east of The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) from 1120hrs onwards They headed SW and were seen again at 5 to 6 Km distance at 1225hrs

24/8/12 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen close to rocks of Pendeen [SW377355](#) between 1230 and 1400hrs

25/8/12 16 Basking Sharks and 4 Ocean Sunfish were seen off Pendeen [SW377355](#) today by birders

26/8/12 3 Basking Sharks and one Ocean Sunfish were seen off Pendeen [SW377355](#) by birders

26/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen offshore at Porthgwarra [SW371216](#)

26/8/12 A pod of 15 Common Dolphins was bow riding a sailing catamaran in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) and 3 small pods of Harbour Porpoises were also seen in the Bay. Ocean Sunfish were seen breaching and basking and Grey seals were seen bottling and hauled out on rocks

26/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was east of the rocks off Pendeen [SW377355](#) soliciting a Great Black Back Gull at 1105hrs

26/8/12 A large dolphin was seen off Trefusis Point [SW818335](#) at 1300hrs

27/8/12 Two Bottlenose Dolphins were seen offshore at Dowlunderry [SX315538](#) during the morning

28/8/12 A Leatherback Turtle was spotted in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). It dived for 10 minutes and then resurfaced within 5 metres of the catamaran. A Basking Shark was seen in 4 different places in the Bay, this could have been one or 4 animals but most likely 2. 16 Harbour Porpoises were also seen, one in the morning and 15 in the afternoon. An Ocean Sunfish was seen in the morning and 7 more in the afternoon. At least 7 Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks.

28/8/12 Eight Basking Sharks were seen off Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#)

28/8/12 A pod of 8 to 10 Common Dolphins was seen 3 Km west of Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) heading west with some fishing activity at 1145hrs

28/8/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen one mile off Swanpool [SW802312](#) at 1500hrs

29/8/12 3 Ocean Sunfish were seen together going past Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) between 0930 and 1030hrs

29/8/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#)

29/8/12 Three Ocean Sunfish and 3 Basking Sharks were seen off Porthgwarra [SW371216](#)

30/8/12 15 Ocean Sunfish were seen off St Ives Island [SW5241](#) between 0700 and 1100hrs

30/8/12 Loads of Ocean Sunfish and at least 5 Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the morning. In the afternoon two pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen, several Ocean Sunfish and Grey Seals, and numerous pods, with 10 to 15 in each pod, of Common Dolphins spread out in the bay feeding under diving gannets., some coming to bow ride a Catamaran.

30/8/12 A small pod of Harbour Porpoises was seen 5 miles south west of Newlyn [SW467286](#) at 1200hrs

30/8/12 A Basking Shark and an Ocean Sunfish were seen off Pendeen [SW377355](#) between 1000 and 1200hrs

31/8/12 8 Basking Sharks were seen on the edge of the tide in Whitesand Bay [SW3527](#) during the afternoon

31/8/12 A pod of 15 Common Dolphins, a few Harbour Porpoises, an Ocean Sunfish and a Basking Shark were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) and at least 5 Grey Seals hauled out on rocks around the Bay

31/8/12 A Basking Shark was 2 Km SW of Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) and at least 3 Harbour porpoises were to the SW of the Head from 1215 to 1230hrs

1/9/12 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen by birders on a pelagic trip out of St Ives [SW521410](#) during the morning

1/9/12 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen heading northwest off St Mawes in position [5°16.14N 4°39.5W](#) at 1100hrs

1/9/12 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen near cliffs at Penhale [SW756591](#) at 1420hrs. Juvenile gulls were in attendance, one perched on one of the sunfish. The other sunfish breached

1/9/12 50 harbour Porpoises were seen in pods from 1 to 12 in different places and different times in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) during the day, so may have been some of the same animals. A pod of Common Dolphins was bow riding the catamaran and an Ocean Sunfish was seen during the morning. Grey Seals were hauled out on rocks in usual places

1/9/12 A small pod of 2 to 4 Common Dolphins was seen 3 to 4 Km SE of Gwennap Head [SW367215](#) at 1315hrs

2/9/12 A Basking Shark was 500 metres south of Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) at 1530hrs

2/9/12 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen passing St Ives Island [SW5241](#) at 0745hrs

3/9/12 A pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was very active, breaching and jumping clear of the water off Penzance Harbour and Prom [SW476303](#) They were seen both in the morning and the afternoon. An Ocean Sunfish was also seen in the Bay and Grey Seals were seen bottling and hauled out on rocks in the usual places.

- 3/9/12 5 Ocean Sunfish were seen to pass St Ives Island SW5241 during the morning
- 3/9/12 Several Basking Sharks were seen in Whitesand Bay SW3527 from sailing vessel Barnabas
- 3/9/12 A pod of dolphins was seen accompanying Sailing Craft Ripple for several miles heading east off the south Penwith coast
- 3/9/12 During a watch at Kenidjack Head SW354327 the observer saw 4 Bottlenose Dolphins 2 Km NE of the Head at 1110hrs, a Basking Shark 2 Km SW at 1115hrs and a Common Dolphin heading SW 1 Km offshore at 1405hrs. Also seen were 10 Harbour Porpoises 2 Km NE at 1230hrs
- 3/9/12 St Ives Lugger "Ripple" was accompanied by 3 very active Bottlenose Dolphins as she headed east off Penberth SW404226 as far as Mousehole SW470263
- 3/9/12 11 Basking Sharks were in Whitesand Bay SW3527 spread out from Sennen to the tide race behind The Brisons at 1335hrs
- 3/9/11 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen NE of The Longships Lighthouse SW320253 at 1330hrs
- 3/9/12 6 Harbour Porpoises were in the tide race 2.5 to 3 KM NW of Pendeen Watch SW377358 at 1415hrs
- 4/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen in Fal Bay SW8330 during the day
- 4/9/12 8 Basking Sharks and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen off Sennen Cove SW355265
- 5/9/12 4 Bottlenose Dolphins, a 7 metre Basking Shark and Grey Seals were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730 today
- 5/9/12 A Basking Shark was seen in Morvah Bay SW403361 during the day
- 5/9/12 A pod of 14 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen 2 Km NE of Kenidjack Head SW354327 at 1430hrs
- 6/9/12 A pod of Harbour Porpoises and an Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730 and at least 5 Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks in usual places
- 6/9/12 8 Basking Sharks were off Kenidjack Head SW354327 at 1000hrs. Later 9 Bottlenose Dolphins were seen 2 Km off at 1435hr and 10 Harbour Porpoises were seen 1.5Km off at 1500hrs
- 7/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen by a birder just west of Hor Point SW498412
- 7/9/12 10 or more Basking Sharks were off Sennen Cove SW320253 and around Lands End and The Longships Lighthouse
- 7/9/12 5 Basking Sharks were seen circling and feeding between Cape Cornwall SW349318 and The Brisons at 0815hrs
- 7/9/12 Loads of Basking Sharks, some more than 7 metres long were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730 today, and lots of pods of Harbour Porpoises of 3 to 6 animals, more than 30 in total. 4 Ocean Sunfish were also seen as well as a few Grey seals hauled out on rocks
- 7/9/12 A Basking Shark, 2 Minke Whales, 3 Harbour Porpoises and an Ocean Sunfish were seen off Porthgwarra SW371216
- 7/9/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Botallack SW361338 at 1446hrs
- 7/9/12 28 Basking Sharks were 2 to 3 Km off Kenidjack Head SW354327 at 1030hrs. Also seen were Harbour Porpoises, 20 were 2 Km NE at 1120hrs, 9 were in the same position at 1430hrs and 14 were seen in the same area at 1515hrs. Also seen NE of the Head at 1015hrs were 4 Bottlenose Dolphins, and by 1135hrs there were 32 in the area, but only two could be seen by 1505hrs, but by 1530hrs several had returned and there were 18 in the area
- 7/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen 200mts SW of Kenidjack Head SW354327 at 1120hrs and later at 1810hrs there were 2 in the area.
- 7/9/12 A Minke Whale was seen to surface 3 times off Gwennap Head SW367215 at 1133hrs
- 7/9/12 12 Harbour Porpoises were seen in small groups off Gwennap Head SW367215 between 0936 and 1400hrs
- 7/9/12 2 Minke Whales were seen off Gwennap Head SW367215 between 1200 and 1305hrs
- 7/9/12 4 Basking Sharks were off Gwennap Head SW367215 at 1335hrs
- 7/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen to breach 3 times off Gwennap Head SW367215 at 1335hrs
- 8/9/12 A pod of about 10 dolphins were between Trefusis Point and Falmouth Docks, very close to the docks SW819331 at 1600hrs. Described as 3 to 4 metres long they were probably Bottlenose Dolphins
- 8/9/12 Harbour Porpoises, Basking Sharks and an Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay SW4730 and Grey Seals hauled out on rocks.
- 8/9/12 At least 2 Rissos Dolphins were seen and photographed from MV Scillonian III today

- 8/9/12 4 Bottlenose Dolphins were 2.5 Km NE of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 1010hrs, and 8 Basking Sharks were 1 to 2 Km SW at 1030hrs. At 1045hrs 12 Harbour Porpoises were seen 2Km NE of the Head and 2 were seen 2Km SW at 1105hrs but at 1605hrs there were 32 in the area
- 9/9/12 6 Harbour Porpoises were 1.5 Km SW of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 0955hrs. By 1010hrs only 3 were in the area and by 1125hrs only One. Also off the Head were 11 Basking Sharks, spread out •5 to 2 Km SW.
- 10/9/12 A pod of 5 Bottlenose Dolphins were spotted in the Fowey River off Polruan [SX125512](#) at 0935hrs Length about 2 metres, they all looked in good condition with no obvious markings. They travelled around the harbour then headed out to sea.
- 10/9/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen off Porthgwarra [SW371216](#)
- 10/9/12 12 Basking Sharks were •5 to 2 Km SW of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 1000hrs
- 11/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish and 2 Grey Seals were seen off The Rumps [SW931812](#)
- 11/9/12 A Basking Shark, 3 pods of Harbour Porpoises and a Grey Seal hauled out on rocks were In Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today
- 11/9/12 6 Basking Sharks were 1 to 2 Km SW of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 0930hrs
- 12/9/12 A pod of 6 Bottlenose Dolphins and a Basking Shark were seen off Pendeen [SW377355](#)
- 12/9/12 A pod of 6 Common Dolphins and 2 Ocean Sunfish were seen off The Rumps [SW933811](#)
- 12/9/12 Six Bottlenose Dolphins and a Basking Shark were seen off Pendeen Watch [SW377358](#)
- 12/9/12 3 Basking Sharks were seen 1 to 2 Km SW of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 1015hrs and 5 Harbour Porpoises were 1.5 Km SW 1110hrs
- 12/9/12 A Basking Shark was seen east of Three Stone Ore [SW381365](#) at 0930hrs
- 12/9/12 2 dolphins, probably Common Dolphins, were seen under gannets 4 Km NW of Pendeen [SW377355](#) at 1005hrs
- 13/9/12 Pods of Common Dolphins were seen throughout the day in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) in pod of 2 to 30 animals, there were also a large pod of at least 20 Harbour Porpoises and two Ocean Sunfish, one of which was breaching. Also seen were Grey Seals both in the water and hauled out on rocks.
- 14/9/12 6 Harbour Porpoises were 1 Km SW of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 1120hrs
- 15/9/12 Two Minke Whales were seen off Porthgwarra [SW371216](#) between 1100 and 1530hrs
- 15/9/12 A pod of 5 Rissos Dolphins was seen about 2 miles southwest of Pendeen [SW377356](#) at 1310hrs
- 15/9/12 Pods of Common Dolphins were seen all along the coasts of Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) this morning in pod sizes ranging from 10 to 40. They were feeding under gannets and later bow riding a catamaran. In the afternoon Harbour Porpoises were seen, first in ones and twos but later a pod of 10 or more. Grey seals were seen in the water and hauled out on rocks in usual places.
- 15/9/12 5 Rissos Dolphins were seen 1 Km NE of Kenidjack Head [SW354327](#) at 1310hrs
- 15/9/12 At least 2 dolphins, probably Common Dolphins, were seen under gannets 7 Km SW of Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) at 1050hrs
- 16/9/12 Two Minke Whales, 2 pods of Harbour Porpoises, one feeding , the other travelling, a Basking Shark and an Ocean Sunfish were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). Also Grey Seals were hauled out on rocks in usual places
- 17/9/12 Two Minke Whales were seen again today in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#), Probably the same two as seen yesterday, but in a different area. A few Harbour Porpoises were also seen and a Basking Shark which was just below the surface. Grey Seals were also seen both feeding in the water and hauled out on rocks
- 17/9/12 A shark surfaced briefly and was seen swimming under the water off west end cliff at Porthtowan [SW689480](#) at 1700hrs. It was 2 to 2.5 metres long with a tail smaller than it's dorsal. Possibly a Blue or a Porbeagle
- 17/9/12 A Basking Shark was seen 2Km north of Pendeen [SW377355](#) at 0945hrs
- 18/9/12 Two Ocean Sunfish were seen to go past St Ives Island [SW5241](#) at 1530hrs
- 19/9/12 There seemed to be Harbour Porpoises everywhere in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#) today. They were seen feeding under gannets in large pods throughout a 30 mile trip. Grey Seals were also seen hauled out on rocks around the Bay
- 19/9/12 A shark was seen from a small boat 200 yards off Portreath [SW653454](#) at 1830hrs. It was moving in a rapid hunting motion as if chasing fish with movements more erratic than a Basking Shark. The

shark was about 50 yards from the boat and only the fins were seen and estimated to be 4ft apart, so overall size about 9ft.

- 19/9/12 2 Basking Sharks were seen circling and feeding just east of Cligga Head **SW737537** at 1830hrs. One was 6 to 8 metres long, the other 2 to 3 metres
- 20/9/12 A Minke Whale and a pod of 10 or more Bottlenose Dolphins were seen to pass Pendennis Point **SW826315** during the day.
- 20/9/12 Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today and Grey Seals hauled out on rocks around the Bay
- 21/9/12 Lots of pods of Harbour porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** also 3 Ocean Sunfish and Grey Seals were seen both in the water and hauled out on rocks.
- 21/9/12 A Basking Shark was seen off Nanquidno **SW357294** during the day
- 21/9/12 About 30 dolphins, probably Common Dolphins, were seen by watch keepers at Gwennap Head Lookout between The Head and The Runnelstone **SW365200** late morning and 6 were still in the area at 1300hrs
- 22/9/12 2 Common Dolphins were seen heading SW about ¾ mile offshore at Lobber Point **SW993811** at 1350hrs
- 23/9/12 A small Basking Shark was seen ½ mile off Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW350318** at 0913hrs
- 26/9/12 A Basking Shark and an Ocean Sunfish were seen behind Three Stone Oar **SW381365**
- 27/9/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen off St. Ives Island **SW5241** between 0730 and 1100hrs
- 27/9/12 A few Harbour Porpoises and Grey Seals were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730**
- 27/9/12 6 to 8 Harbour Porpoises were feeding at the reef edge East of the Runnelstone **SW365200** at 1005hrs
- 27/9/12 A single large dolphin was seen off Porthgwarra **SW371216** early in the morning
- 29/9/12 An Ocean Sunfish was seen off St Ives **SW520407** today
- 29/9/12 Two Ocean Sunfish and large pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen throughout both trip out today and Grey Seals hauled out on rocks. On the afternoon trip hundreds of diving gannets were seen well offshore and when approached Common Dolphins and Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding with them in Mounts Bay **SW4730**
- 29/9/12 2 Whitebeaked Dolphins were seen breaching about 2 miles south of St. George's Island **SX2551** at 1515hrs. Photographs and Video were taken.
- 30/9/12 A Bottlenose Dolphin was spotted off St Ives **SW520407** at 1130hrs
- 4/10/12 There were 2 Harbour Porpoises 300 metres south of Hella Point **SW370214** at 1320hrs
- 5/10/12 Lots of Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding under gannets in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today
- 6/10/12 2 Pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** in very choppy conditions
- 8/10/12 A Harbour Porpoise was briefly seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** and a Grey Seal hauled out on rocks
- 9/10/12 Lots of pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today and a Grey Seal hauled out on rocks
- 10/10/12 A Basking Shark was spotted off Aire Point **SW358282** during the morning
- 10/10/12 A shark, thought to be a Porbeagle, breached off The Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW 350318** at 1042hrs
- 10/10/12 A pod of 5 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults, 2 juveniles and a single was seen 200metres north of the Brisons **SW340311** at 1330hrs. A similar pod of 5 was also 500 metres north of the reef at the same time.
- 11/10/12 A Harbour Porpoise was 1 Km south of Marazion Beach **SW514308** under gannets during the morning
- 12/10/12 A small Basking shark was seen off the Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW350318** at 1231hrs
- 14/10/12 A small pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was seen off Caerthillion Cove **SW694124**
- 14/10/12 12 or 13 Common Dolphins, including one juvenile, were playing around a boat, bow riding and breaching for 20 minutes about 1 mile from the Falmouth Wave Hub **SW8428** at 1300hrs. 1½ hours later 5 were doing the same thing, but it is not known if they were from the same pod.
- 15/10/12 A basking Shark was seen 200 metres NE of Pendeen Watch **SW377358** at 1120hrs
- 19/10/12 Three harbour Porpoises, An adult with a juvenile plus a single, was seen 1 Km SSE of Lizard Point **SW694115** at 1335hrs



- 19/10/12 A small pod of about 4 Bottlenose Dolphins was feeding and breaching in the Helford Estuary **SW7926** at 1000hrs. Milling about and slowly heading east. Some boats in the area but not causing problems. No seabirds present.
- 20/10/12 A small pod of Common Dolphins was bow riding a catamaran in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today, and Grey Seals were seen in the water and hauled out on rocks
- 20/10/12 A Harbour Porpoise was seen 1 Km SW of the Gwennap Head Lookout **SW367215** at 1220hrs
- 21/10/12 A pod of dolphins was seen about a mile off the Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW350318** at 1245hrs
- 22/10/12 A pod of 20 or more Common Dolphins was seen heading north off Gull Point **SS046879** at 1500hrs. They then stopped to feed under gulls for half an hour. There was some tail slapping and breaching.
- 22/10/12 A 30 ft Minke Whale surfaced twice between 1225 and 1330hrs, 3 Km SSW of Gwennap Head **SW367215**
- 22/10/12 A pod of 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a juvenile, was seen 2 KM SE of Gwennap Head **SW367215** and a similar pod of 3 was seen 1.5 Km SSW of the Head between 1225 and 1330hrs
- 23/10/12 Several small pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** and a pair of Grey seals hauled out on rocks
- 23/10/12 Two Harbour Porpoises, an adult with a juvenile, were seen north of The Cowloe, Sennen **SW348266** at 1046hrs
- 24/10/12 Two Basking Sharks were seen from the Cape Cornwall NCI Lookout **SW350318** at 1030hrs One was 4 metres long near The Brisons **SW340311**, and the other was about a mile off Nanjulian Cliff **SW358288**
- 27/10/12 Two Bottlenose Dolphins were seen heading west off Tregantle Beach **SX380530** at 1100hrs. They were in shallow water, 2 to 3 metres, only 30ft from the beach and seemed to be working together making waves and herding shoals.
- 28/10/12 A small pod of dolphins was seen in the bay off Lamorna Cove **SW481241**
- 30/10/12 Pods of Harbour Porpoises were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** both in the morning and the afternoon. Grey Seal were also seen in the water and hauled out on rocks.
- 30/10/12 Three Common Dolphins were videoed as they were bow riding a boat heading west 4 Miles south east of Fowey **SX120509** at 0900hrs
- 30/11/12 2 or 3 White Beaked Dolphins were being very active for 5 minutes near The Runnelstone **SW369200** at 1000hrs. and 6 to 8 Harbour Porpoises were 200mts of the reef at the same time
- 1/11/12 Two or three unidentified whales were watched for over an hour off Lizard Point **SW694115** during the day. They were repeatedly breaching
- 2/11/12 A Basking Shark was seen 1 Km NE of Pendeen Watch **SW377358** at 0925hrs
- 3/11/12 6 Harbour Porpoises and 5 Common Dolphins were feeding 50mts east of The Runnelstone **SW369200** in close proximity of each other at 1114hrs
- 6/11/12 A lone Rissos Dolphin and a feeding Basking Shark were seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** and three Grey Seals hauled out on rocks. One was a white coated juvenile, probably a this year's pup.
- 6/11/12 A pod of about 30 small cetaceans, probably Harbour Porpoises, was seen heading west off the Rame Head Coastwatch Station **SX422488** at 0945hrs
- 7/11/12 A Basking Shark was seen in the Bay off Nanquidno Valley **SW357294** today
- 7/11/12 3 Harbour Porpoises, 2 adults with a baby, were seen heading west 1.5Km SE of Porthgwarra Cove **SW371216** at 1120hrs
- 8/11/12 Four Bottlenose Dolphins were seen in Newquay Bay **SW8162** late morning. All adults but 2 larger than the others. All had distinctive damage or marks to their dorsal fins.
- 9/11/12 A single Bottlenose Dolphin was seen feeding under about 200 diving gannets ½Km off Bass Point **SW716118** at 1400hrs. It left the area and 4 Common Dolphins arrived to feed under the gannets with fish jumping out of the water
- 11/11/12 Lots of Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding in Mounts Bay **SW4730** and Grey Seals in the water and hauled out on rocks
- 13/11/12 A pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was seen in Mounts Bay **SW4730** between Penzance and Marazion during the day.
- 14/11/12 The pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was still in Mounts Bay **SW4730** today.

- 15/11/12 Grey Seals were seen hauled out on rocks in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 15/11/12 A pod of about 10 Harbour Porpoises was seen a few hundred metres off the Cape Cornwall NCI Watch [SW350318](#) at 0945hrs
- 15/11/12 6 to 8 Harbour Porpoises were seen 1Km west of Gwennap Head NCI Lookout [SW365217](#) feeding under gannets
- 17/11/12 A Harbour Porpoise and 2 Grey Seals were seen in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#). One of the Seals was in the water the other hauled out on rocks
- 18/11/12 Grey Seals were seen in the water and hauled out on rocks in Mounts Bay [SW4730](#)
- 18/11/12 A small Pod of Bottlenose Dolphins was seen heading south 200mts off Nanjizal Cove [SW358236](#) at 1200hrs
- 21/11/12 3 Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding under gannets 100mts NNW of Three Stone Oar, Pendeen [SW381365](#) between 1135 and 1215hrs
- 25/11/12 A small pod of 5 Bottlenose Dolphins was seen off Carbis Bay [SW528389](#) today
- 25/11/12 A harbour Porpoise was seen under gannets west of The Cowloe, Sennen [SW348266](#) at 1035hrs
- 29 11 12 A dead Grey Seal was found washed up at Porth Loe [SW364219](#) and tagged.
- 29/11/12 Three Grey Seal pups were hauled out on rocks at Carn Guthenbras [SW363308](#) at 1100hrs. 2 had white coats the other black
- 1/12/12 A dead whale was found on the beach at Marazion [SW514308](#)
- 1/12/12 8 to 10 Harbour Porpoises were seen to the west of The Runnelstone [SW369200](#) at 1100 hrs
- 3/12/12 At least 4 Harbour Porpoises were seen in rough seas S and SE of Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#) between 0930 and 1030hrs
- 3/12/12 Two Harbour Porpoises were just north of The Cowloe, Sennen [SW348266](#) at 1205hrs
- 5/12/12 7 Harbour Porpoises were seen feeding off Porthgwarra Cove [SW371216](#). Some were very close in, others out to 1 Km.
- 8/12/12 Two whale blows were seen off the Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) by a watchkeeper at 1300hrs, thought to be a Minke Whale.
- 11/12/12 Two, possibly 3, Harbour Porpoises were seen from the cliff path opposite the Bawden Rocks [SW700532](#) from 1605 to 1620 hrs. They were close inshore, with occasional part breaching, vigorous splashing and thrashing, swimming in tight circles, on a rising tide. No seabirds in the area.
- 12/12/12 3 Harbour porpoises were feeding under gannets right below the Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) from 1155 to 1205hrs
- 13/12/12 2 Harbour Porpoises were feeding under gannets below the Gwennap Head Lookout [SW365217](#) at 1145hrs
- 15/12/12 Two Harbour Porpoises were seen 500mts west of Cape Cornwall [SW349318](#) at 1144hrs
- 17/12/12 At least one Bottlenose Dolphin was seen in St Austell Bay [SX0448](#) during the morning. There may have been a second.
- 31/12/12 Two, or possibly three, Harbour Porpoises were seen heading west off Nare Head at 1330hrs They were scattered, presumably feeding, so difficult to be sure of number, and they were being followed by half a dozen gannets.