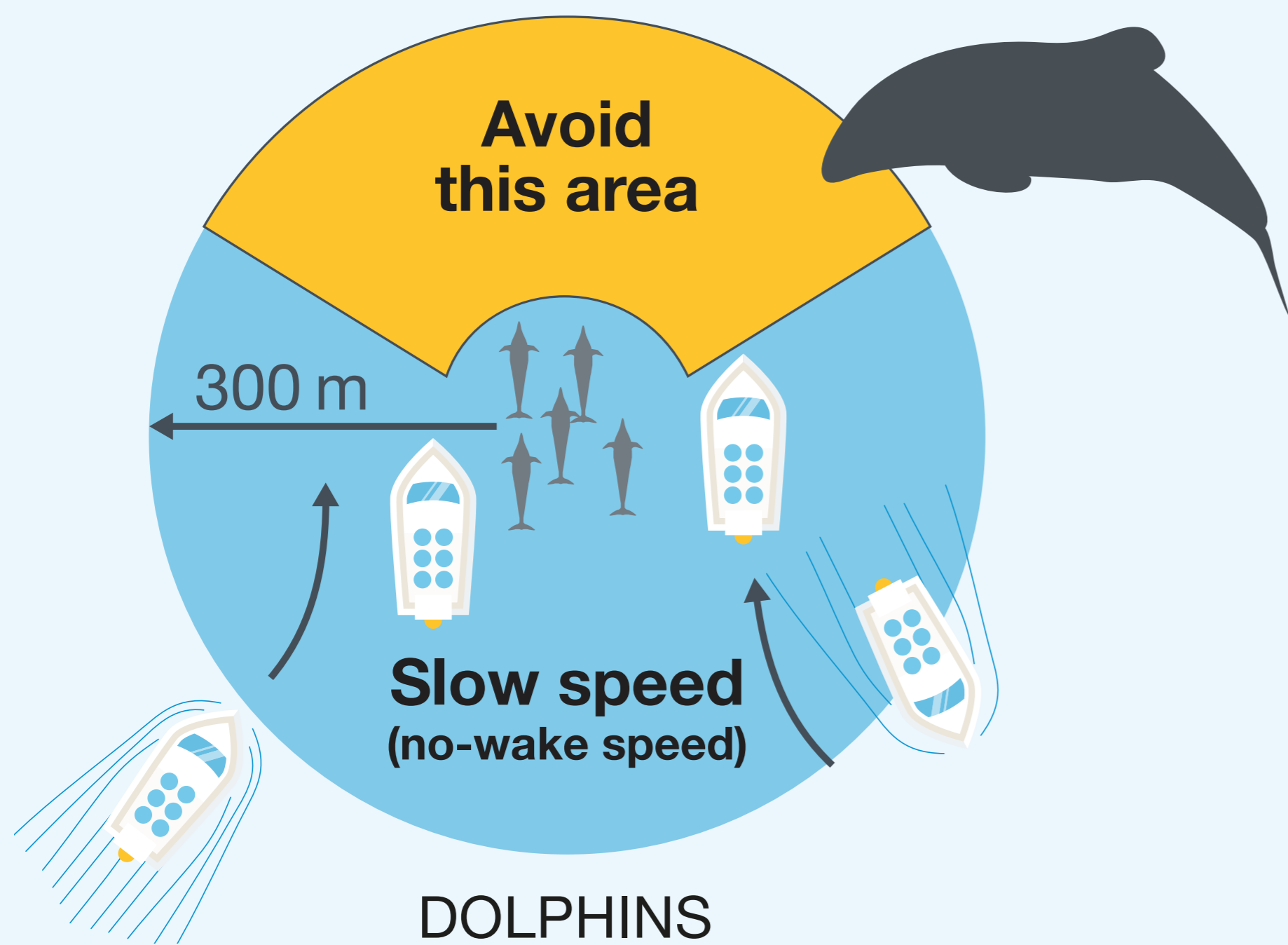


# Ngā tamariki a Tinirau

## Simple rules for interacting with MARINE MAMMALS



### Te whānau puha, ngā aihe me ngā kekeno – e mātaki ai i tai

#### Whales, dolphins and seals – sea-based viewing

- Ensure you travel no faster than idle or ‘no wake’ speed within 300 m
- Make sure there are no more than three vessels within 300 m
- Approach from a direction that is parallel and slightly to the rear. Do not circle the marine mammals, obstruct their path or cut through any groups
- Idle slowly away

### Ngā aihe

#### Dolphins

- Gradually increase speed to outdistance dolphins; do not exceed 10 kn until more than 300 m away
- Do not swim with dolphin pods containing juveniles

### Te whānau puha

#### Whales (including orca and pilot whales)

- Stay at least 50 m away from any whale
- Stay at least 200 m away from any baleen or sperm whale mother and calf
- Do not swim with whales

### Ngā kekeno

#### Seals

- Vessels – stay at least 20 m away from the water’s edge where seals may be present
- Swimmers – stay at least 5 m away from the water’s edge

### Ngā kekeno – e mātaki ai i uta

#### Seals – shore-based viewing

- Stay at least 20 m away
- Do not get between a seal and its escape route to the sea
- Do not handle seals
- Keep dogs away

