

Swim with Wild Dolphins

Aquatic Marine Viewing Experience Port Stephens Australia

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the AMVE at Port Stephens. Our team will do our absolute best to assist you to have a wonderful time on-board. Directions and personal requirements are in this document.

Description Of The Program

With an exciting morning ahead of us, we start the day early. At 5:30am you arrive at the beautiful d'Albora Marina in Nelson Bay and walk over to 'Let's Go Adventures' to get fitted for your wetsuit. You then proceed to the 16m sailing catamaran, Imagine, at C Dock and settle in. After which Andrew Parker, ("the dolphin-man"), and the team brief you thoroughly regarding the in water swim technique and our "expectations and concerns" as we set our team goals while sailing by the magnificent islands of Port Stephens. Our search area is within a 10nm radius of the entrance to Port Stephens and right in the Tasman Sea.

When and if we find the dolphins they will let us know if they are interested in playing with us by joining us and riding our bow waves. When this occurs it is time to follow the divemasters' and crews instructions and enter the dolphins' domain. From the bow net secured to the tow rope, we then carefully enter the water. After giving the divemaster the OK signal you are gently pulled through the water, where, as we move off, the dolphins will be given the opportunity to continue their bow surfing fun. Here is the moment we've all been waiting for, being as one with the dolphins as they come right over to view us, crossing the bow and scanning us with their bio-sonar!

In an open water program there can be no guarantees, however our intention is to give you the best opportunity to achieve maximum benefit from the experience. Please ensure you read this program document in its entirety. If you have any questions at all, please contact us:

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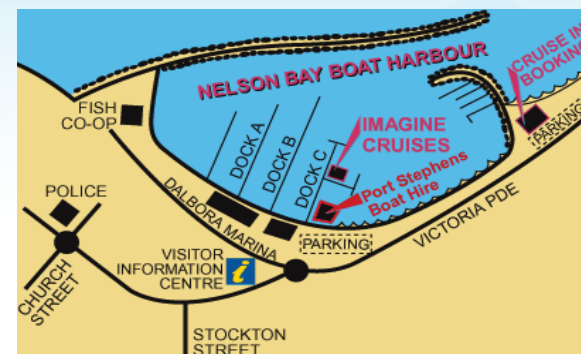
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Responsibility! We are there to assist you at all times. It is your total responsibility to act in an appropriate manner, to communicate your needs and to go with your condition/ability. Do take care of yourself and others! Once on the boat you are at your own risk (please read waiver herewith). This includes on-board and in the water.

AMVE Program

Dates: As per booking 2011/12
Location: D'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay
Time: 5.30am Dock C, D'Albora Marina depart 6am – return 10am
Embark & Disembark: 'Imagine' at D'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay



Location of Marina and 'Imagine'

Parking: There is four hour metered parking at the marina for the drop-off. Overnight parking is available (past the police station) on Church St and Laman St overlooking the Fish Co-op. You may also view the Port Stephens Council website www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au for parking details in Nelson Bay. Please ensure no items are left visible in your car when it is unattended.

Wetsuits: There are available at LETS GO ADVENTURES Nelson Bay, at d'Albora marina, adjacent to centre court and the marina toilets. Wetsuits have a 5:30am pick up, or you can pick up in the afternoon before 5pm the day before. NB: There is a \$10 deposit on the wetsuits (you get this back when you return the wetsuit). Snorkeling equipment, (mask, snorkel, and fins) These items are available on board.

It is essential that you have a well fitting wetsuit, mask, snorkel and fins. These are included in your swim package. **Please ensure you have already been fitted for and collected your gear at least half an hour no later than 5.45am.** Snorkels, mask and fins are included for all participants or you may bring your own if they are quality silicone only. This will ensure your viewing is optimum.

