



TURTLE ALERT

In the last few years the number of sea turtles killed through boat collisions has increased. Sea turtles must come to the surface every few minutes to breathe. This is when most collisions occur, as the turtles are unable to move out of the way of fast moving boats.

In order to prevent such accidents and protect these endangered animals, all boaters are encouraged to drive with extra care in the areas where the turtles live. The map overleaf should help you identify these areas.

Green Sea Turtles, which are the most common turtles found in Bermuda, feed on turtle grass. Turtle grass is found along much of the northern and western shores of the Island, where it extends out about 300 metres from the actual shoreline, as shown on the map. Where possible you are urged to travel outside these areas to avoid disturbing the turtles.

As a reminder to all boaters to keep a careful watch out for the sea turtles, the following sign is also being placed at various locations around the Island where sea turtles are most commonly found (see map overleaf).



Remember, if you slow down when travelling in these areas, you may well be rewarded with a close up look at one of these beautiful animals!

And, just a final reminder, turtle grass is not only important for sea turtles, but it is a very important nursery area for many of our reef fish, so please avoid anchoring in the turtle grass - find a sand hole nearby in which to drop your anchor!

There will be more information about safe anchoring in the Bermuda Moorings Initiative brochure, which will be mailed to you soon.