

# Soundwatch Vessel Campaign



## On Patrol



## Educating



## Boaters



## for Safer



## Waters



December 2007

Dear Friend of the Southern Resident Orcas,

Picture the perfect summer weekend in the San Juan Islands: sunny skies, calm seas and all three pods of whales in the area. This paradise scenario is part of the reason so many of us love to be in the islands. It is also the reason that on a summer day, it is common to see large clusters of boats around the whales. On just such a weekend, Labor Day to be precise, both engines on the Soundwatch patrol boat blew up. Soundwatch was left stranded, unable to prevent countless disturbances to our local killer whales. The Whale Museum's Whale Hotline was jammed with callers reporting irresponsible and dangerous boater behavior around the whales and declaring: **"We NEED Soundwatch back on the water!"**

For fifteen years, **The Whale Museum's Soundwatch Boater Education Program** has worked on-the-water to prevent vessel disturbances to the whales by promoting the regional "Be Whale Wise" guidelines and regulations for boaters. Soundwatch is an internationally acclaimed program that uses the help of citizen volunteers to help educate boaters on how to behave around whales.

**We do not want to leave our community stranded again.** We are asking for your support to **help purchase a new boat for the critical and successful Soundwatch Program.** Please help us get Soundwatch back on the water!

**Now more than ever our local whales need your help to give them all the protections possible. Southern Resident Killer Whales and the salmon they rely on for food are listed as *Endangered Species*.** The Soundwatch program fills a pivotal leadership role where marine wildlife, the public, the whale watch industry, scientists, and resource managers converge. Through strong partnerships within the U.S. and Canada, **Soundwatch brings an international community together to minimize the impact of vessels on the whales and other marine wildlife.**

Essential to the mission is having a safe and reliable boat. Soundwatch has found a terrific replacement vessel to expand the program: a previously owned, gently used, 19' SAFE Boat International with a 159 horsepower diesel engine and trailer. The current owner is offering the boat to Soundwatch for drastically below market value, making this an excellent deal.

**Total goal for the Soundwatch Vessel Campaign is \$75,000.00.** The amount raised to date is \$30,000. **We need to raise the remaining funds by January 15, 2008 to secure a boat for the Soundwatch Program.**

**Please help Soundwatch help the whales:** Make a contribution to The Soundwatch Vessel Fund today! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jenny L. Atkinson  
The Whale Museum Director

Kari L. Koski  
Soundwatch Program Director

**P.S.** The Soundwatch Program also needs funds for operating costs all year long. To contribute and learn more about The Soundwatch Program and other programs of The Whale Museum, visit our website [www.whalemuseum.org](http://www.whalemuseum.org)

## Clip & Return

### SOUNDWATCH



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### YES! I WILL HELP SOUNDWATCH PURCHASE A NEW BOAT!!

I wish to contribute the following amount: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Check is enclosed and made payable to "Soundwatch Vessel Fund"

Please charge my Visa MC AmEx Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep me posted on Soundwatch Updates! Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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