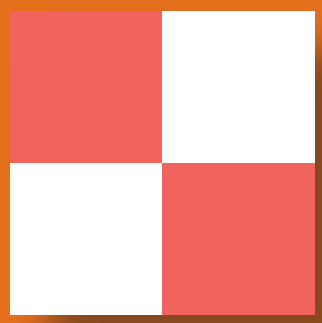


# BOATERS

# STEER CLEAR OF SEABIRDS



**Steer** around rafts and feeding flocks of seabirds.

**1000'** is the recommended distance to maintain from rocks, reefs, and islands where seabirds rest, feed, and nest.

**Signs** that you are too close are head bobbing, calling, or fluttering.

**Cover** food and bait. Do not throw fishing line overboard. Use barbless hooks or artificial lures when possible.

The California coast is home to thousands of seabirds. Vessels close to cliffs and offshore rocks can disrupt breeding activities and cause loss of future generations.



Tufted Puffin

Rhinoceros Auklet



Pigeon Guillemot



Common Murre



Brown Pelican

Forster's Tern



Leach's Storm-Petrel



Double-crested Cormorant



## It's the Law!

Federal and state laws prohibit harassment of seabirds, marine mammals and sea turtles.

Help protect California's coast – report wildlife disturbances to the NOAA Enforcement Hotline (800) 853-1964.

For more information visit our website: <http://farallones.noaa.gov/boaters.html>.



On September 26, 1998 the oil tanker Command departed San Francisco Bay bound for Panama, with a damaged tank. Nearly 15 miles off the San Mateo County coast, the vessel began discharging approximately 3,000 gallons of oil. As a result 1490 Common murrelets and other surface-dwelling seabirds were killed. Damages to natural resources were estimated at \$4,000,000. Poster funded by the Command Natural Resource Trustee Counsel as part of the Seabird Colony Protection Program, produced by Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary.