



Voluntary Slow Zones

In July 2021, the Group committed to the ***Right Whale Slow Zones*** program to protect the North Atlantic Right whales. This program alerts vessel operators to areas where maintaining speeds of 10 knots or less can significantly reduce the risk of vessel collision with Right whales.

In 2024, The Group confirmed its participation in a voluntary speed reduction program in California called ***“Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies”***. Like the previous initiative, this program aims to create slow zones, reducing the probability of impact with blue whales, and decreasing GHG and other pollutant emissions, as well as acoustic pollution. Notably, the reduction in transiting ship speed has decreased the mortality rate for whales in collisions by **58%**. Participating companies receive awards based on the percentage of total distance traveled at or below 10 knots. In 2024, d’Amico Group was awarded the “Gold Award” for maintaining a speed of **10 knots or less for 82.5% or more of its route** near the Californian coast. The program involved 7 Group vessels, with approximately 1,392 miles sailed under VSR.