

SOME OF OUR **Best** Shots



After more than 12 hours at sea, the research team takes a break to enjoy the sunset while transiting back to the harbor.

*Gregory Schorr,
Samsung S7 phone*

Whale research efforts can provide some wonderful photo-worthy moments. During recent Navy-funded field work off of San Clemente Island, California our research team (in search of beaked whales) captured these images using our smartphones (Samsung S7 and iPhone 6).

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RIGHT: Waiting for a tagging opportunity with a Cuvier's beaked whale as the sun sets.

Brenda Rone, iPhone 6

BELOW: Sunrise and the research team is already 20 miles out of the harbor taking advantage of a truly "Pacific" morning. San Clemente Island is visible in the background as a team member scans for beaked whales in the deep water of the San Nicolas Basin.

Gregory Schorr, Samsung S7 phone



ABOVE: On a morning where range access is restricted or weather to the west is rough, the research team scans from the east side of San Clemente Island in the hopes of finding animals on the more protected side of the island.

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