# NOAA Fisheries
## Southeast Region
## 263 13th Ave. South
## St. Petersburg, FL 33701

# Inflatable Right Whale Calf Borrowing Agreement

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| **Company Name:** | |
| **Contact Name:** | |
| **Name of Event:** | |
| **Date Needed:** | |
| **Return Date:** | |

**Please return this form and the whale to:**

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### Shipping Address

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| **Company Name:** | |
| **Contact Name:** | |
| **Address:** | |
| **City/ State:** | |
| **Zip Code:** | |
| **Phone:** | |

### Borrowing Agreement

THE INFLATABLE RIGHT WHALE IS DUE PROMPTLY ON THE AGREED UPON DATE. I have confirmed the length of the loan period. I understand that failure to return the whale by agreed upon date may lead to refusal to borrow again in the future.

NOAA Fisheries is not responsible for any injuries occurring to any person using the inflatable whale. User further agrees to hold NOAA Fisheries and Landmark Creations International free and harmless against any claims; and shall be indemnified for any and all costs incurred due claims from anyone, including court costs and attorney fees and other related costs involving the use of the inflatable whale. User is responsible for the replacement value of the inflatable whale in the event of theft, vandalism, fire or any act, which may damage or destroy borrowed equipment. Borrowing agency will be responsible for any missing items.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEVIED A COPY OF THE RULES FOR THE INFLATABLE RIGHT WHALE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL SECTIONS ON PAGE TWO OF THIS FORM ACKNOWLEDGING THAT I UNDERTSTAND THE INFLATABLE RIGHT WHALE BORROWING AGREEMENT. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND WILL ABIDE BY THE RULES AND BORROWING AGREEMENT. If it is determined that the use of the inflatable whale is not being operated safely, then time of pick up or return of the whale is void, and the inflatable whale is to be immediately returned to NOAA Fisheries.

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| **Sign and Date** | |

**INFLATABLE RIGHT WHALE CALF RULES**

Please read and initial each section below to acknowledge that you understand and agree to the following directions:

**SHIPPING**

____ The whale is stored in a 27"x17"x 15" case and weighs approximately 58 lbs. Ground shipping is approximately $65 per shipment. NOAA will ship the whale via UPS to recipients; however, the recipient is responsible for return shipping and costs. Shipment must be insured for $5000 and tracked. (see page 1 for return shipping address)

____ When packing whale for shipment, first roll pectoral fins and body inward the roll whale from each end (similar to the way you would roll a sleeping bag) with the blower in the middle. Two people can easily lift the folded whale into the case. When closing the case, it is important to be sure all parts of the whale are clear of the edges and not pinched in the case.

**DISPLAYING THE WHALE**

____ Unit must be operated over a smooth, compatible surface such as grass or hard top surface; to ensure the inflatable is not punctured, we recommend using a tarp or blanket beneath the whale. The unit may NOT be operated on rough surfaces such as rocks, bricks, glass or any jagged objects. Do not place the unit directly on sand or soil. The unit should not be located next to any wall, pole or fixed object and a minimum of 4 feet clearance on all sides and must be observed at all times. The inflatable should be anchored to a stable object using the straps provided. If the whale is displayed on the ground, be sure the individuals do not sit or stand on the whale or any of its parts. There are 2 d-rings on the underside and 4 d-rings on the top for suspending or tethering the whale down.

____ Please do not use tape or any adhesives on surface of the whale.

____ The blower requires a 110vac 50/60hz and draws 3 amps. It is recommended to use an heavy duty extension cord when going further than 50' from outlet. Please loosely knot the ends of whale cord and extension cord together to prevent the two cords from separating under tension.

____ Never leave the inflatable whale unattended. Do not let individuals sit-on, hit, punch, or stab the whale.

____ Do not inflate the whale in high winds, hale, snow, or other severe weather conditions.

**MAINTENANCE**

____ Light rain will not affect the whale; however, please ensure the whale is completely dry prior to storing. The whale will mildew if not completely dry. It is very important that you do not send the whale back until you have had a chance to dry and clean the whale. To clean the whale, please only use water and/or Simple Green ONLY (DO NOT use any other cleaning agents including bleach) and soft cloth or shammy (DO NOT scrub).

**INFLATING/ DEFLATING DIRECTIONS**

____ Inflating whale:

- Open the plastic shipping carton and remove the whale.
- Unroll the whale, be sure the whale is facing the direction you intend to display it.
- The blower is positioned inside the whale, on the dorsal (top) side. Locate the on/off switch on the blower and turn to the position.
- Be sure the whale is zipped and velcro-ed shut. The cord to the blower will exit the whale at the end of the zippered area.
- Plug the whale in an electrical outlet.
- Hold the blower so that the plastic is not obstructing the vent. Once the whale is inflated, the blower will be suspended from the top of the whale and will run continuously.

____ Deflating whale:

- Be sure no sharp objects are below the whale. Also, be sure the whale is clean and dry.
- Unplug the whale.
- Slowly open the velcro and zipper.
- Once the whale is lying flat, slowly roll each end inward towards the blower, releasing all excess air. (see *Shipping* at the top of the page)
- Put the whale and all parts back into the case.

____ If you are uncertain about the maintenance of the inflatable whale or any of the rules above, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Bonnes at (727) 824-5335.