



### What did you do at the Lighthouse ?

I was lucky to be based at the Lighthouse twice in my career. The first time was during my Master's degree, to carry out my project I was based at the Field Station for 6 months. I got to spend my days up on the hillside recording how close dolphins went to a local salmon farm and how they might be interacting with it. The second time was when I worked as a Researcher on the long running bottlenose dolphin photo-ID study. I went out on the boat, took photos, processed data and matched animals to the catalogue.

### What are you doing now ?

I am currently a Research Scientist at Duke University Marine Lab, USA. I study how noise effects the behaviour of cetaceans, by using on-animal tags to assess changes in behaviour when they are exposed to anthropogenic noise. I primarily study deep diving whales so I get to spend time offshore taking photos and collecting data. I have also stayed involved with the Lighthouse dolphin project and I am currently looking at the movements of individuals along the Scottish east coast.

### What was the most valuable thing you learnt at the Lighthouse ?

My experience at the Lighthouse taught me how valuable teamwork is in science. I learnt fieldwork skills from some of the best field biologists I have ever worked with and learnt that every day working with marine mammals can bring a new challenge. Overcoming these challenges to advance our understanding of marine mammals takes people from different backgrounds and with different skill sets to help each other. The Lighthouse provided me with the foundation in fieldwork and data analysis to build a successful research career studying marine mammals.



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