

Humpback Whales of the Silver Bank



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New Bedford is known as the Whaling City. While New Bedford has the notorious distinction of being the top whale killing port in the 17th and 18th centuries, the city is now a leader in whaling education and promotion. Our public high school athletic teams are known as “Whalers”, we have the top Whaling museum in the world, and the city even has a movie coming out this summer titled Whaling City.



We recently discovered a fabulous amateur video of humpback whales in the Silver Bank (just north of the Dominican Republic) taken by a professional scuba diver Brandon Shannon. Humpback whales are amazing creatures; they can grow to 50 feet in length, weigh 79,000 pounds and migrate as much as 16,000 miles each year. At one point Humpback whales were hunted to near extinction, but thanks to anti-whaling laws their population has grown to over 70,000. Enjoy the video and post a comment; we'll make sure Brandon sees them all!

Brandon Shannon's website is full of pics and videos, and can be found at: <http://saltwatersights.com>