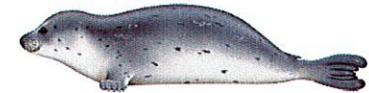


# Common Greater Atlantic Seals



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## Gray Seals

Males are typically larger than females, reaching 7-8 feet in length and 770 pounds. Gray seals may stand their ground and can be aggressive. Their heads have a distinct horse-like shape. They pup between December- February in Maine and Massachusetts. Pups are nursed for about 16 days.

## Harbor Seals

Harbor seals average 4-5 feet in length and 220-250 pounds. Their faces have a dog-like resemblance. Adults will typically retreat to the water, though juveniles may remain on the beach. Pupping in New England occurs between May-June. Pups are nursed 4-6 weeks.

*Barking, yawning, flipper waving, and moving towards the water are signs that seals are stressed. If you see any of these signs, slowly depart the area.*