

# *The face of South Africa* By John Costello

John Costello is a tour and nature guide, author and photographer based in Port St Johns on the Wild Coast. He writes about this image:

*This humpback whale was photographed off Port St Johns in July this year. It was one of two males that had been interacting with a female, the two of them cavorting around her, breaching and rolling and showing off in welters of spray and water. I managed to get a number of photos of that display which, viewed together, make a spectacular sequence.*

Editor's note: Whales seem to be staying in South African coastal waters longer before heading south: on a single day in early December, a hundred whales were counted between Hermanus and Gansbaai on the Walker Bay coast

