

Supplementary materials and methods

Description for cADL calculation

The cADL was estimated by applying the methodology described in Kooyman (1989) and using specific estimates of tissues and oxygen-binding proteins proportions for walruses when available. The following assumptions were used to estimate the tissues (blood, muscle, and lungs) O₂ storage capacity and utilization during the dive. The total blood volume (BV, l) was calculated using the mass-specific estimation of 0.106 l blood kg⁻¹ (Lenfant et al., 1970). The estimated proportions of arterial and venous blood were considered as 33% and 67% respectively (Lenfant et al., 1970). The initial and final arterial haemoglobin (Hb) saturation were assumed to be 95% and 20%, respectively. The initial venous O₂ content was assumed to be 5 vol% less than the initial arterial O₂ content, with a final venous O₂ content of zero (Ponganis, 2011). The Hb content of adult female walruses has been reported to be 16.8 g Hb 100 ml⁻¹ of blood (Wołk and Kosygin, 1979), and the oxygen-binding capacity is 1.34 ml O₂ g⁻¹ Hb (Kooyman, 1989). The final equations utilized for the calculation of total volume of blood O₂ (l) were:

$$1) \text{ Arterial O}_2 = (\text{BV} \times M_b \times 0.33) \times (0.95 - 0.20 \text{ saturation}) \times ([\text{Hb}] \times 0.00134)$$

$$2) \text{ Venous O}_2 = (\text{BV} \times M_b \times 0.67) \times (\text{initial arterial O}_2 \text{ content} - 5\text{vol}\%)$$

The total muscle O₂ storage capacity was estimated by calculating the total muscular myoglobin (Mg) content. The total muscle mass (kg) was calculated as 0.2410 M_b^{1.084}, an equation derived from excised tissues of Atlantic walruses (Knutsen and Born, 1994). The specific Mg content for the longissimus dorsi muscle in adult walruses has been estimated to be 3.8 g Mg 100 g⁻¹ of wet muscle mass (Noren et al., 2015) and was assumed equal for all muscle groups. However, this approach can potentially overestimate the overall muscle O₂ storage capacity as lower levels of Mg have been reported for non-swimming muscles in pinnipeds (Kanatous et al., 1999). The Mg has been reported to possess the same oxygen-binding capacity than that reported for Hg (Kooyman, 1989). Thus, the equation used for the calculation of total volume of muscle O₂ (l) was:

$$3) \text{ Muscle O}_2 = \text{Total muscle mass} \times ([\text{Mg}] \times 0.00134)$$

The total lung O₂ storage capacity was computed by calculating the estimated total lung capacity (TLC_{est}, l) using previous equation for marine mammals (TLC_{est} = 0.135 M_b^{0.92}, Fahlman et al., 2011; Kooyman, 1973). The diving lung volume was assumed to be 50% of TLC_{est} for pinnipeds with a 15% of available O₂ concentration in the lungs to be extracted during the dive (Ponganis, 2011). The final equation to yield the calculation of total volume of lung O₂ (l) was:

$$4) \text{ Lung O}_2 = M_b \times \text{TLC}_{\text{est}} \times 0.5 \times 0.15$$

All calculations were made using the overall average M_b for the three participating female walrus during the experiments (835 kg). The total body O₂ storage capacity (37.62 l O₂) was computed by summing the estimated O₂ storage capacity for each tissue. The cADL was computed by dividing the resulted total body O₂ storage capacity by the measured average DMR_{swim} (4.91 l O₂ min⁻¹).

Supplementary tables

Table S1. Body mass and respiratory variables for each metabolic experiment

Experiment	M _b (kg)	f _R (breaths min ⁻¹)	$\dot{V}CO_2$ (l CO ₂ min ⁻¹)	RER
Floating at the water surface	844 ± 124 (697-1030)	5.8 ± 2.3 (3.1-9.6)	4.47 ± 0.94 (2.93-5.92)	0.97 ± 0.05 (0.90-1.04)
Stationary dive	827 ± 108 (697-967)	6.0 ± 1.9 (3.7-9.9)	3.58 ± 0.62 (2.84-4.47)	0.94 ± 0.07 (0.81-1.06)
Subsurface swimming	834 ± 113 (688-972)	6.6 ± 1.9 (3.6-9.7)	4.58 ± 0.58 (3.67-5.49)	0.94 ± 0.06 (0.85-1.05)

For the three adult female Pacific walrus participating in metabolic measurements while floating at the water surface, and after performing stationary dives and horizontal subsurface swimming (n = 15 for each respirometry experiment), average (± s.d.) and ranges of: body mass (M_b), respiratory frequency (f_R), CO₂ production rate ($\dot{V}CO_2$) and respiratory exchange ratio (RER).

Table S2. Summary of metabolic measurements converted to daily energetic requirements using obtained RER.

ANIMAL ID	MR _{Surface} (MJ day ⁻¹)	sMR _{Surface} (kJ kg ⁻¹ day ⁻¹)	DMR _{Stationary} (MJ day ⁻¹)	sDMR _{Stationary} (kJ kg ⁻¹ day ⁻¹)	DMR _{Swim} (MJ day ⁻¹)	sDMR _{Swim} (kJ kg ⁻¹ day ⁻¹)
26005388	109.3 ± 13.4	154.0 ± 17.9	105.6 ± 9.4	149.9 ± 12.2	117.9 ± 8.0	167.9 ± 9.4
26005389	165.5 ± 20.2	166.6 ± 24.8	132.5 ± 6.9	138.1 ± 6.7	165.5 ± 5.9	171.0 ± 5.8
26005390	141.5 ± 26.4	171.3 ± 30.7	102.2 ± 13.4	124.8 ± 16.3	154.0 ± 3.7	185.2 ± 4.6
Grand Mean	138.8 ± 30.6 (95.0-193.7)	164.0 ± 24.4 (126.3-203.9)	113.4 ± 16.9 (87.0-139.8)	137.6 ± 15.6 (105.9-163.0)	145.8 ± 21.7 (106.5-172.7)	174.7 ± 10.1 (154.8-190.1)

For each participating female Pacific walrus (Animal ID) and behaviour, average (\pm s.d) of measured metabolic rate (floating at the water surface: MR_{Surface}; stationary dives: DMR_{Stationary}; subsurface swimming: DMR_{Swim}) and mass-specific metabolic rate (floating at the water surface: sMR_{Surface}; stationary dives: sDMR_{Stationary}; subsurface swimming: sDMR_{Swim}). N = 5 for all experiments with each individual. Overall average (\pm s.d) and ranges are also reported for each behaviour.

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