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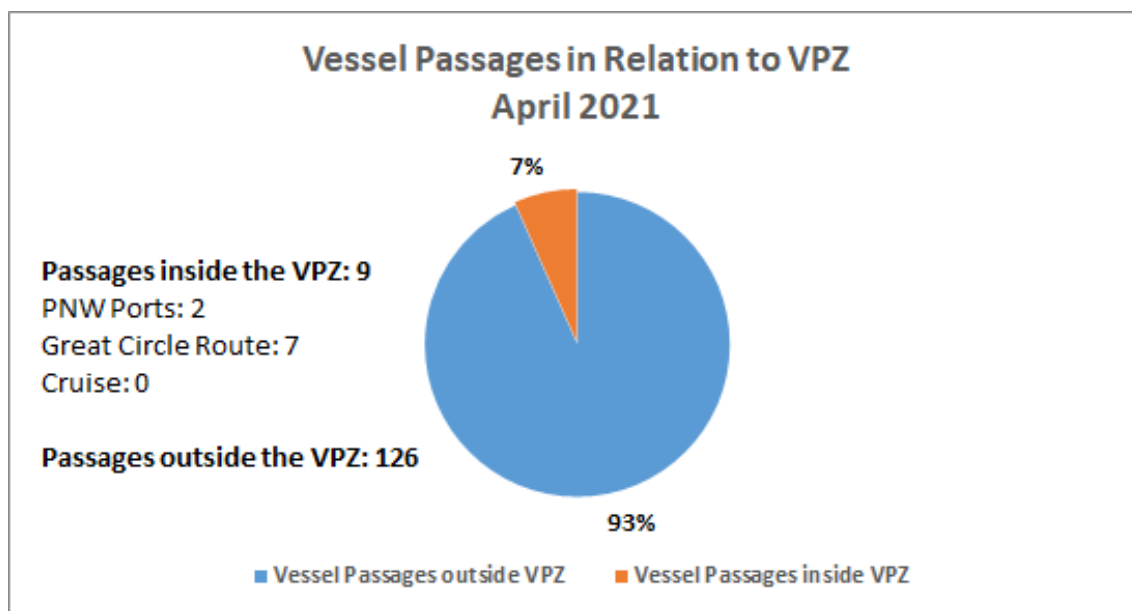
## **VOLUNTARY PROTECTION ZONE FOR SHIPPING**

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### **April 2021 Progress Report**

Vessel traffic monitoring information for the [Voluntary Protection Zone \(VPZ\) for Shipping on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii](#) is provided through the [Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness](#) system and the Pacific Safety Initiative (US). The trial VPZ asks vessels to observe a minimum distance of 50 nm from the west coast of Haida Gwaii<sup>1</sup>. For the purpose of data collection, vessel traffic is monitored to 200 nm from the west coast of Haida Gwaii.

During the month of April, a total of **135** commercial vessel transits were observed on the west coast. Of these, **125** transits, representing **93%**, took place outside the VPZ. This represents the fewest number of vessels inside the VPZ to date.



<sup>1</sup> Commercial vessels over 500 gross tonnage are asked to observe a minimum distance of 50 nm with the exception of vessels transiting between Pacific Northwest ports, which are asked to observe a minimum distance of 25 nm, and cruise ships, which are asked to observe a minimum distance of 12 nm. Fishing vessels, and tugs and barges are not included in the trial.



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### **Cumulative Vessel Passages in Relation to VPZ Sept 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021**

**Passages inside VPZ: 163**

PNW Ports: 9

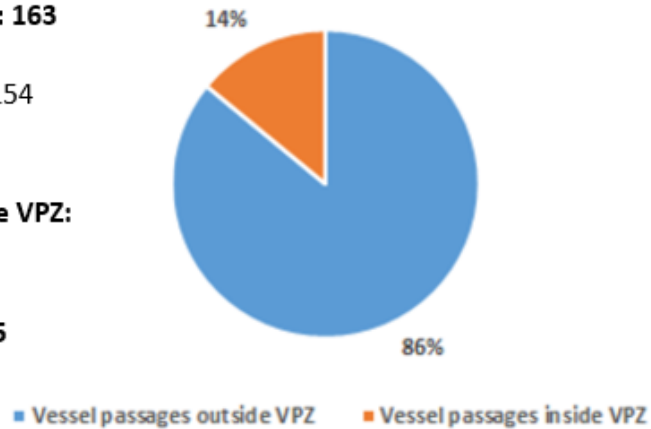
Great Circle Route: 154

Cruise: 0

**Passages outside the VPZ:**

**1012**

**Total passages: 1175**

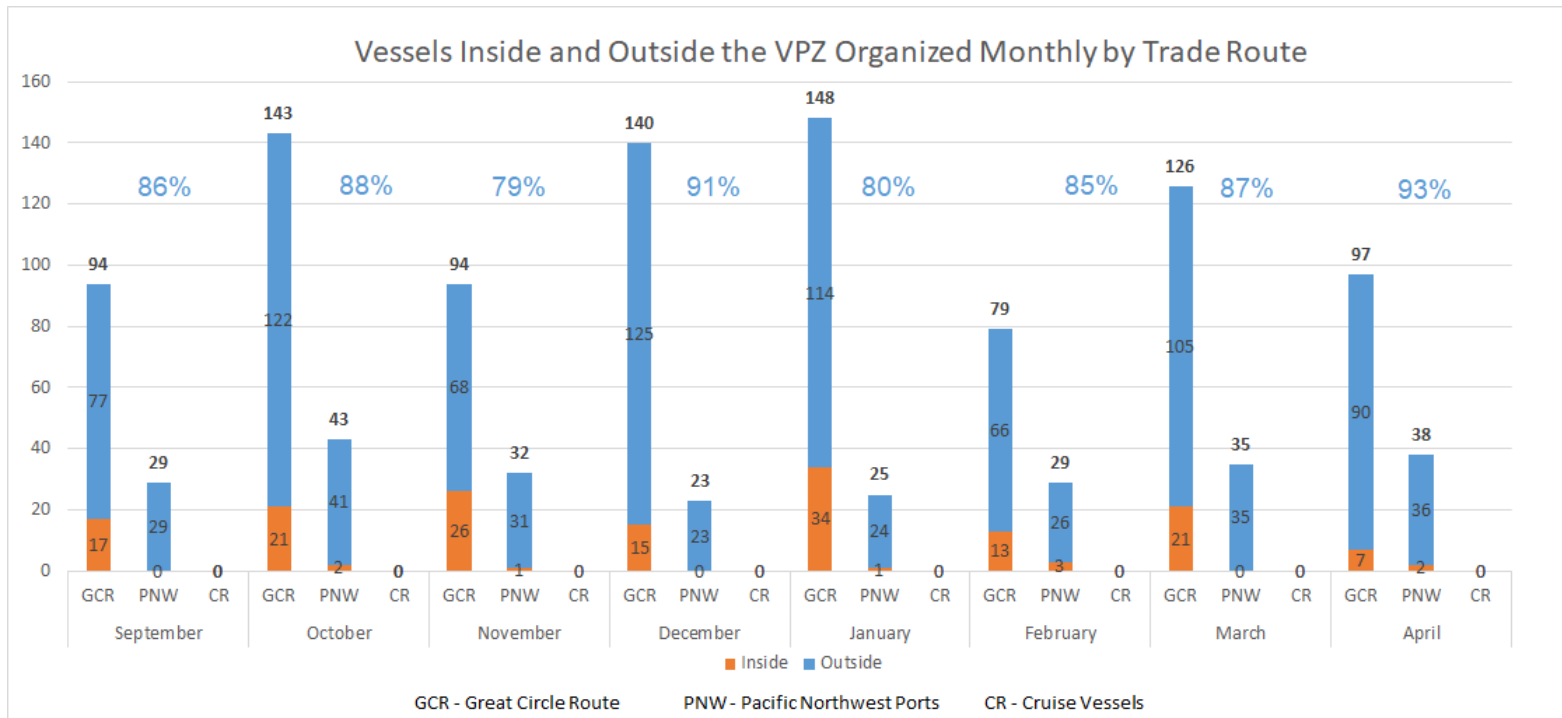




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### Information and Questions

For more information on the trial, please visit [haidagwaii-vpz.ca](http://haidagwaii-vpz.ca). If you have questions please contact [info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca](mailto:info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca).

**We want your feedback!** If you are a mariner operating a commercial ship over 500 gross tons that transits along the west coast of Haida Gwaii we are interested in hearing from you. Please fill out a short survey by clicking [here](#).