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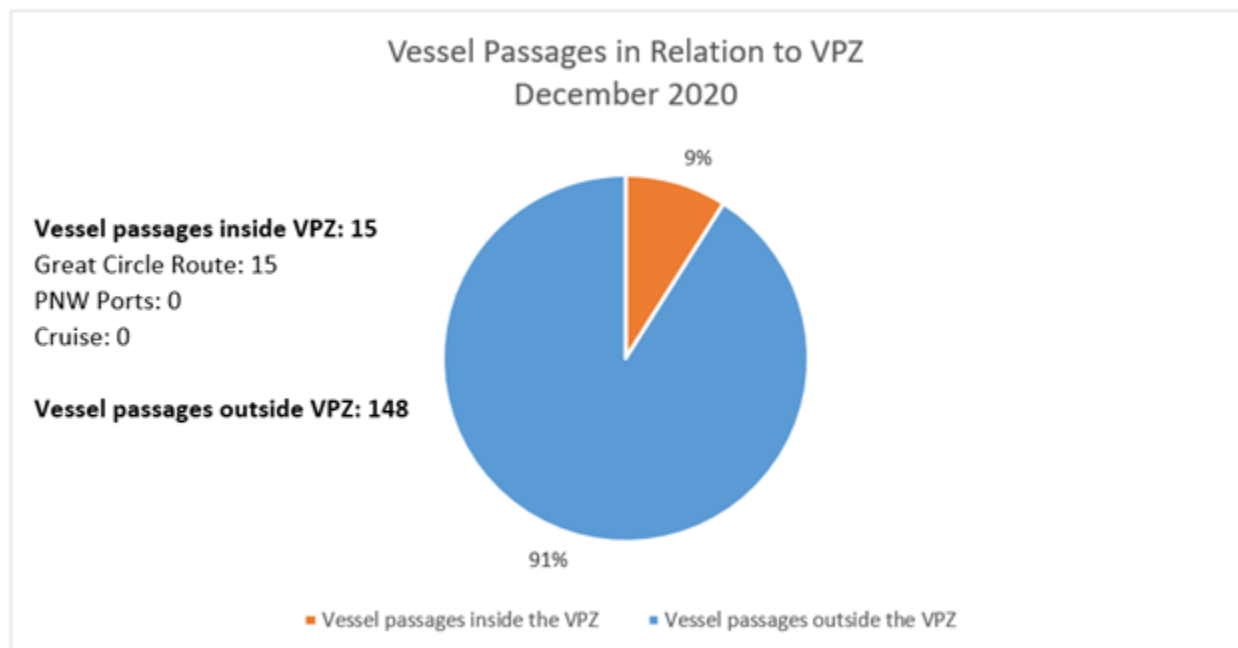
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Vessel traffic monitoring information for the [Voluntary Protection Zone \(VPZ\) for Shipping on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii](#) is provided through the [Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness](#) system and the Pacific Safety Initiative (US). The trial VPZ asks vessels to observe a minimum distance of 50 nm from the west coast of Haida Gwaii¹, and vessel traffic is monitored to a distance of 200 nm.

During the month of December 2020, **163** commercial vessel transits were observed within the trial area. Of these, **148** transits, representing **91%**, took place outside the VPZ. This represents the smallest proportion of traffic transiting inside the VPZ observed in one month to date.



¹ 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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Vessel Passages in Relation to VPZ
Cumulative Sept 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020

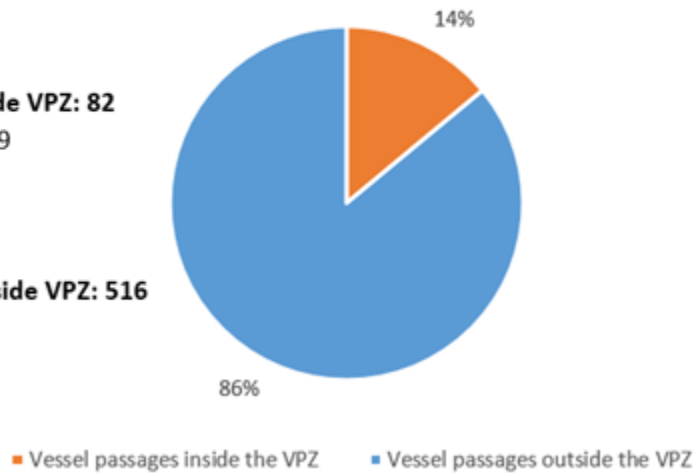
Vessel passages inside VPZ: 82

Great Circle Route: 79

PNW Ports: 3

Cruise: 0

Vessel passages outside VPZ: 516

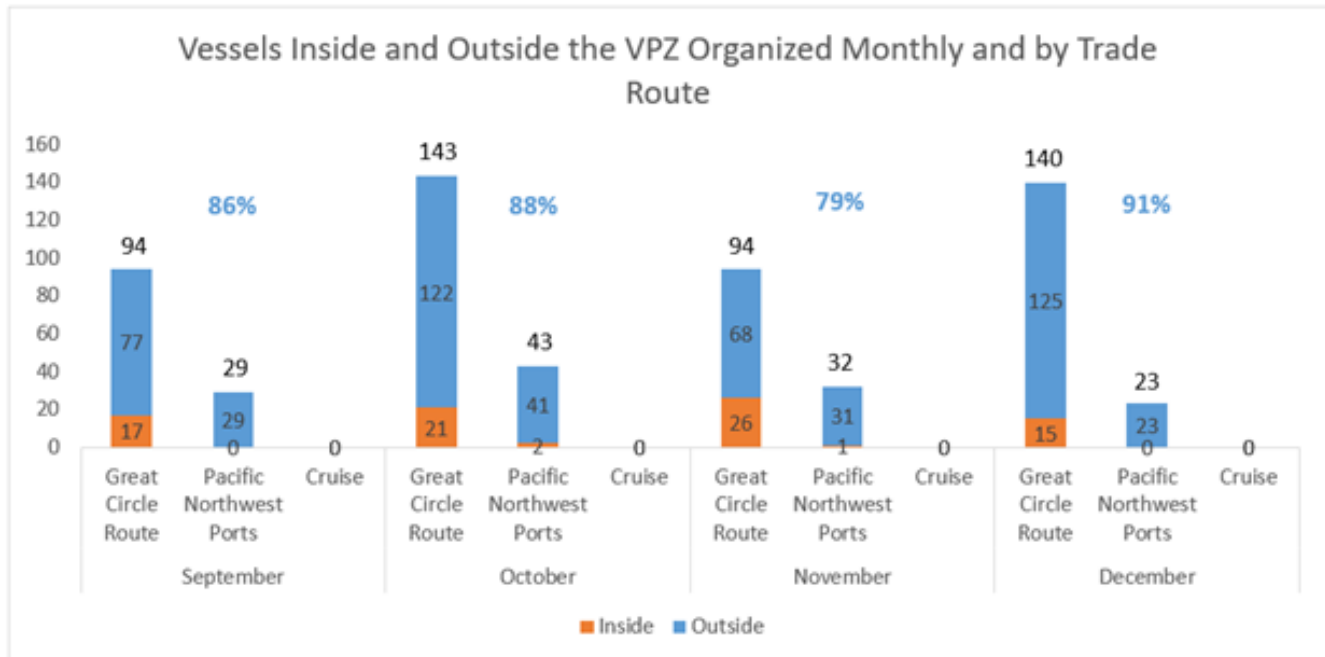




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Information and Questions

For more information on the trial, please visit haidagwaii-vpz.ca. If you have questions please contact 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](#).

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