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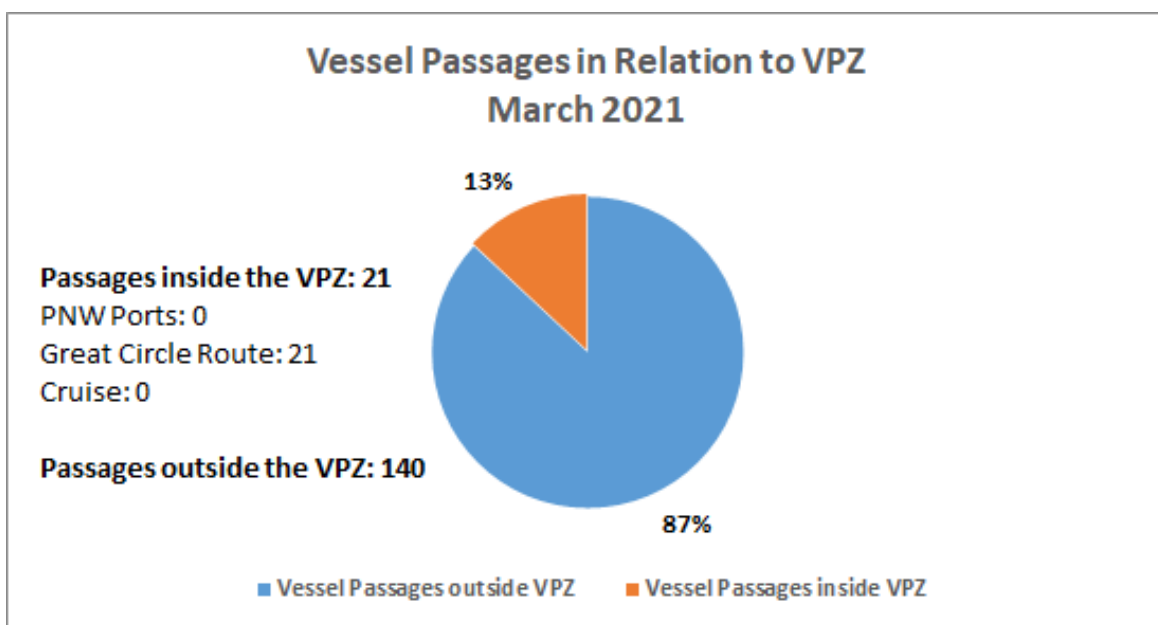
VOLUNTARY PROTECTION ZONE FOR SHIPPING

Progress Report

March 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 Gwaii¹. For the purpose of data collection, vessel traffic is monitored to 200 nm from the west coast of Haida Gwaii.

During the month of March, a total of **161** commercial vessel transits were observed on the west coast. Of these, **140** transits, representing **87%**, took place outside the VPZ.



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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Cumulative Vessel Passages in Relation to VPZ
Sept 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

Passages inside the VPZ: 154

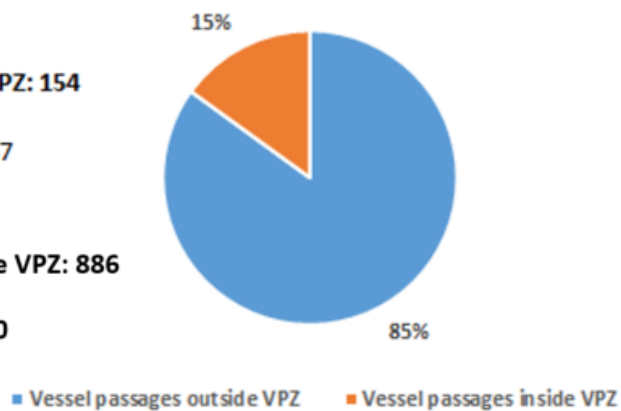
PNW Ports: 7

Great Circle Route: 147

Cruise: 0

Passages outside the VPZ: 886

Total Passages: 1040

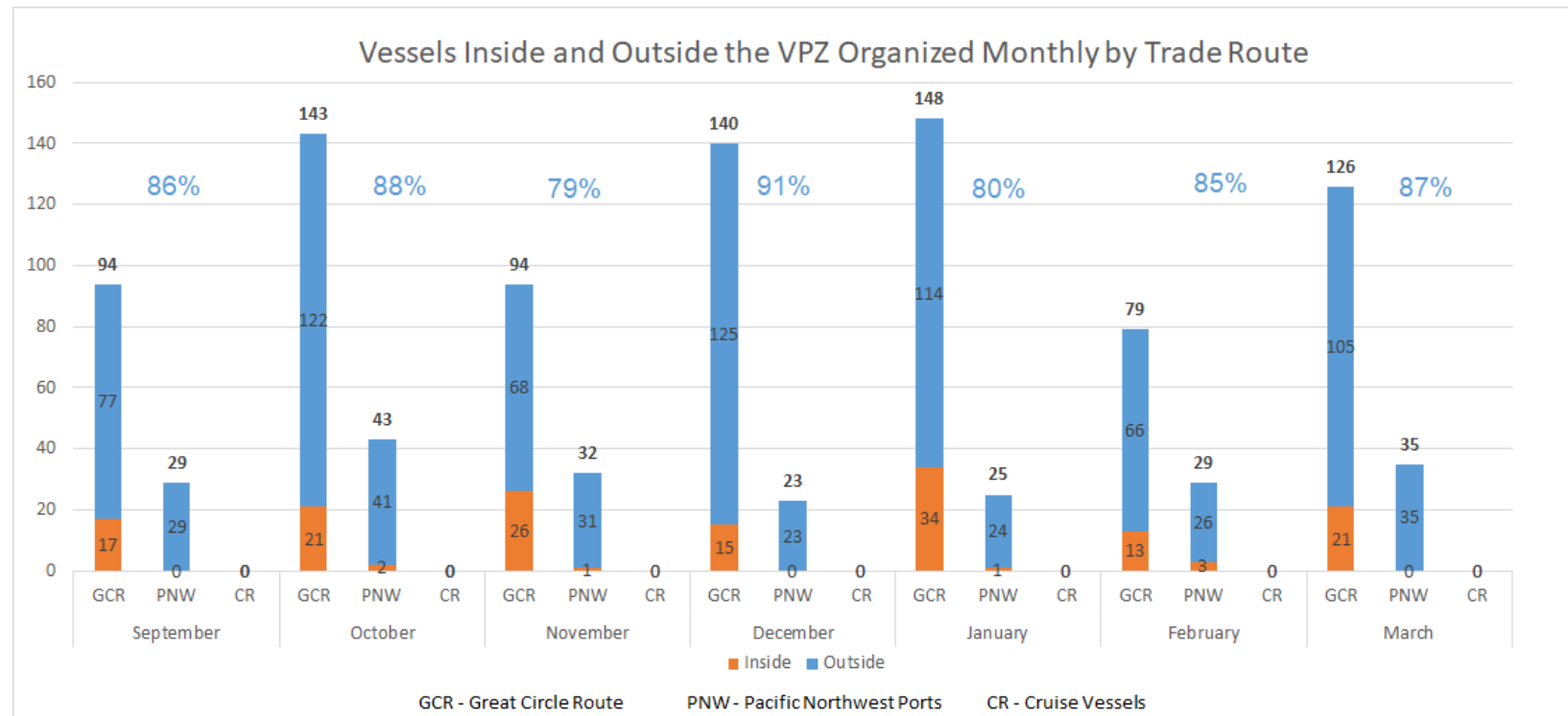




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Information and Questions

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](#).