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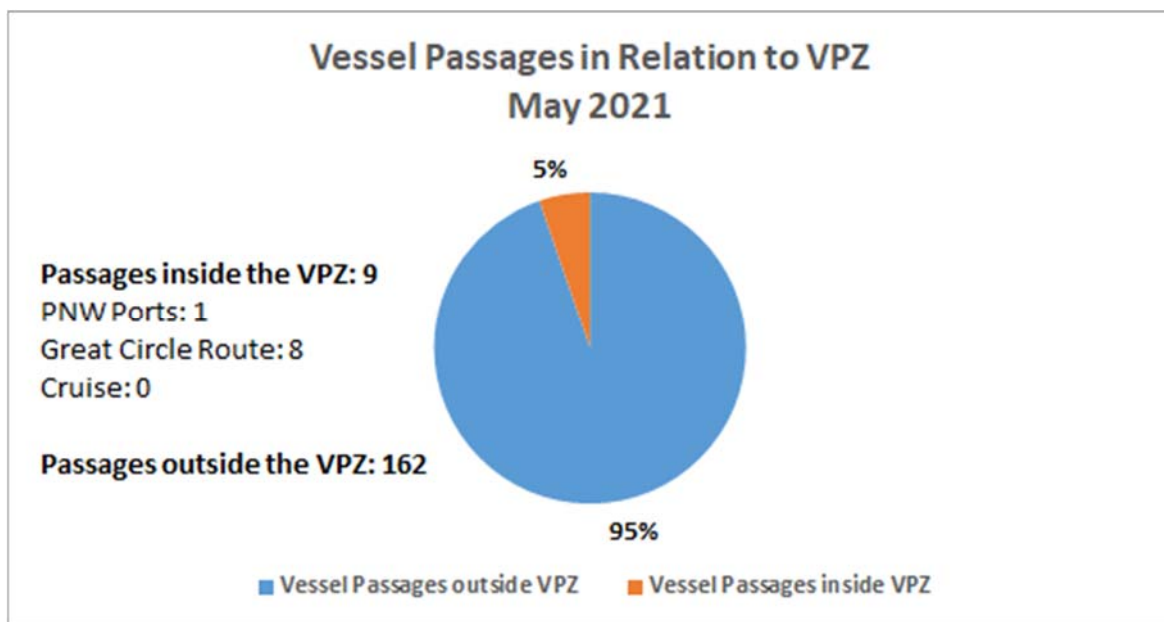
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May 2021 Progress Report

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 May, a total of **171** commercial vessel transits were observed on the west coast. Of these, **162** transits, representing **95%**, took place outside the VPZ. This represents the fewest number of vessels inside the VPZ 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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Cumulative Vessel Passages in Relation to VPZ Sept 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Passages inside the VPZ: 172

PNW Ports: 10

Great Circle Route: 162

Cruise: 0

Passages outside the VPZ: 1174

Total Passages: 1346



■ Vessel passages outside VPZ ■ Vessel passages inside VPZ

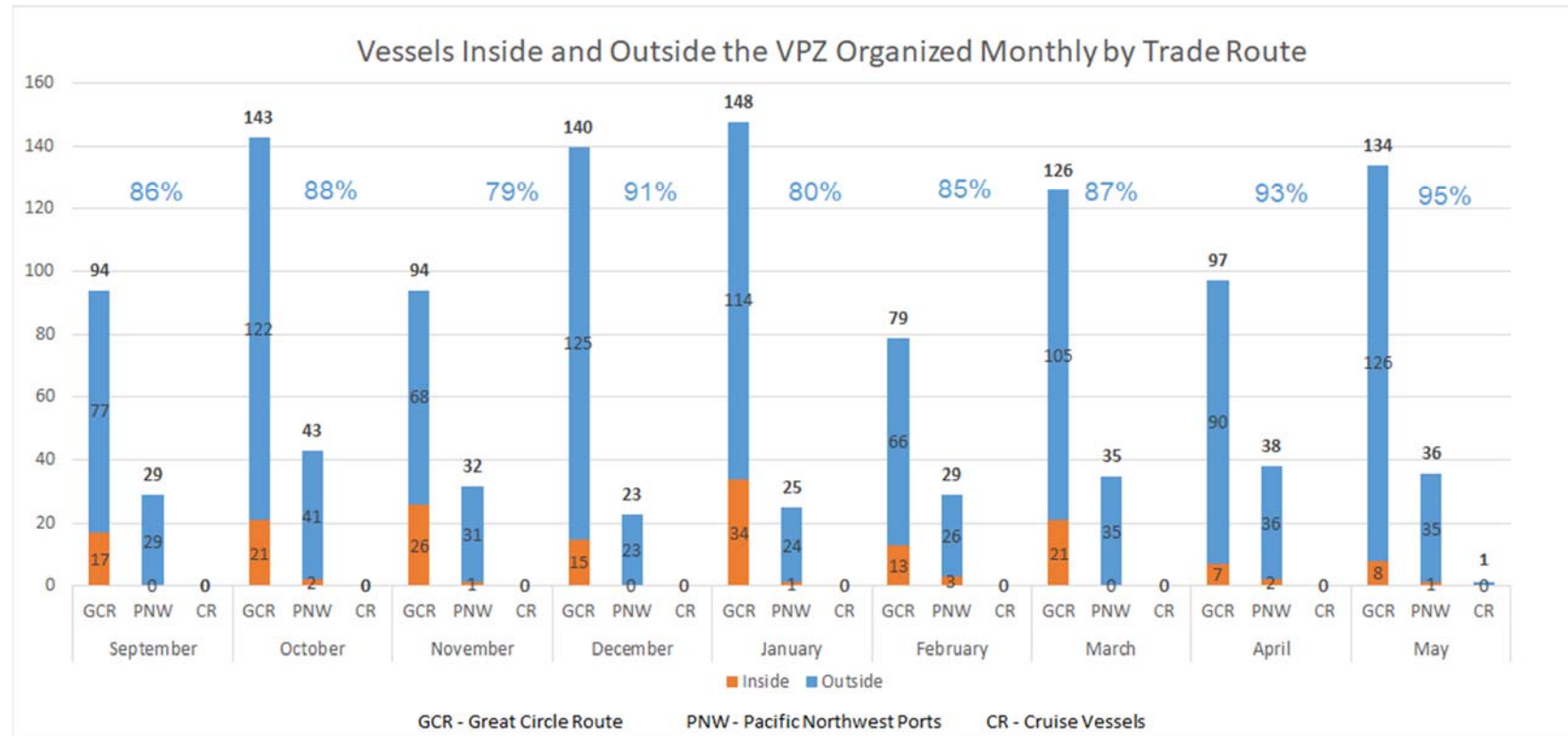
There has been a decrease in vessels inside the VPZ during the last two months compared to months previous. The committee is working to discern whether that may be due to the increase in nautical publications, or more favourable weather affecting routing decisions.



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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](#).