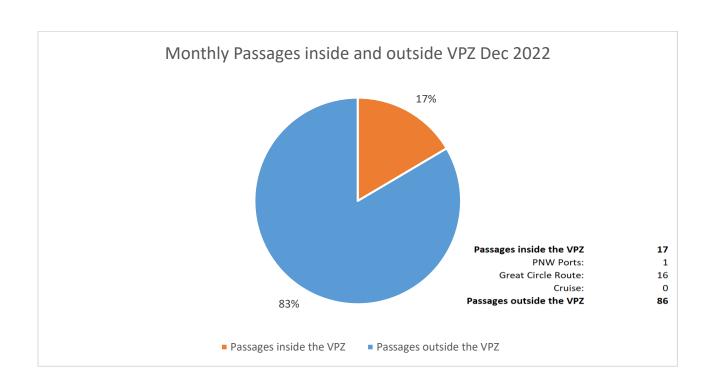


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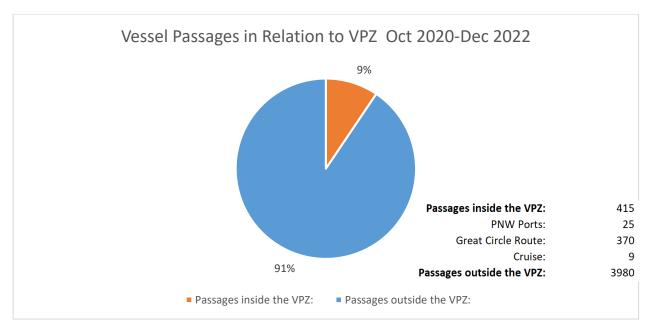
Vessel traffic monitoring information for the <u>Voluntary Protection Zone (VPZ) for Shipping on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii</u> is provided through the <u>Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness</u> system and the Pacific Safety Initiative (US). The VPZ asks vessels to observe a minimum distance of 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.

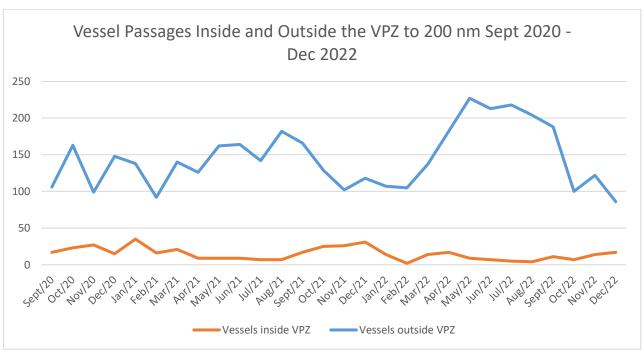
During the month of December, a total of **103** commercial vessel transits were observed on the west coast. Of these, **86** transits, representing **83%**, took place <u>outside</u> the VPZ.



<sup>&</sup>lt;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.







## **Information and Questions**

For more information on the trial, please visit <u>haidagwaii-vpz.ca</u>. If you have questions please contact <u>info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca</u>.