



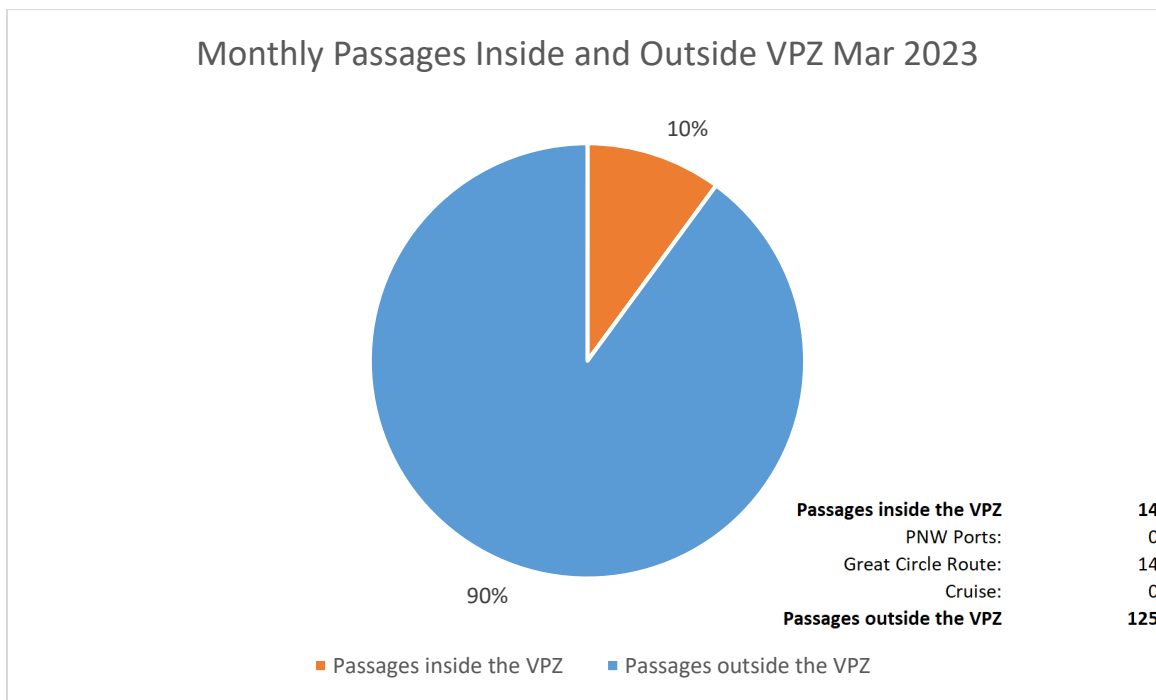
# VOLUNTARY PROTECTION ZONE FOR SHIPPING

## Progress Report

### March 2023 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 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 March, a total of **139** commercial vessel transits were observed on the west coast. Of these, **125** transits, representing **90%**, took place outside the VPZ.



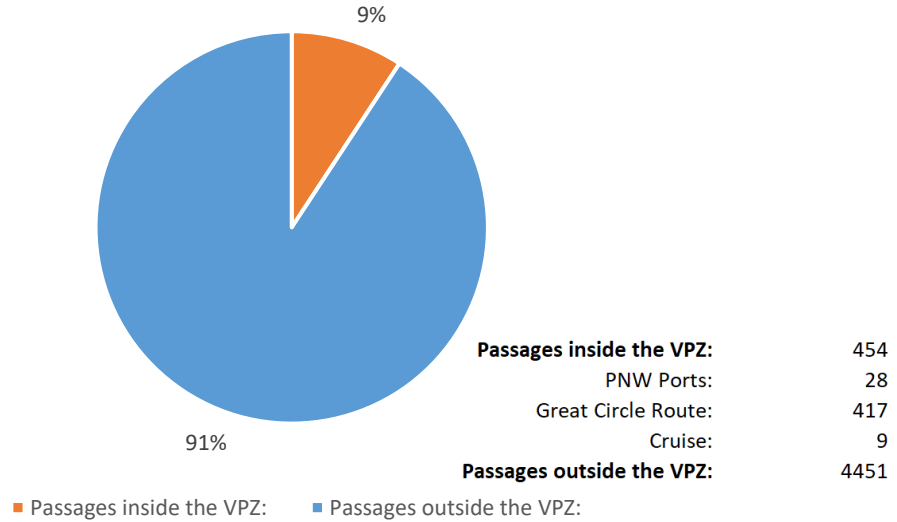
<sup>1</sup> Commercial vessels over 500 gross tonnage are asked to observe a minimum distance of 50 nm with the exception of vessels transiting between Pacific Northwest ports, which are asked to observe a minimum distance of 25 nm, and cruise ships, which are asked to observe a minimum distance of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



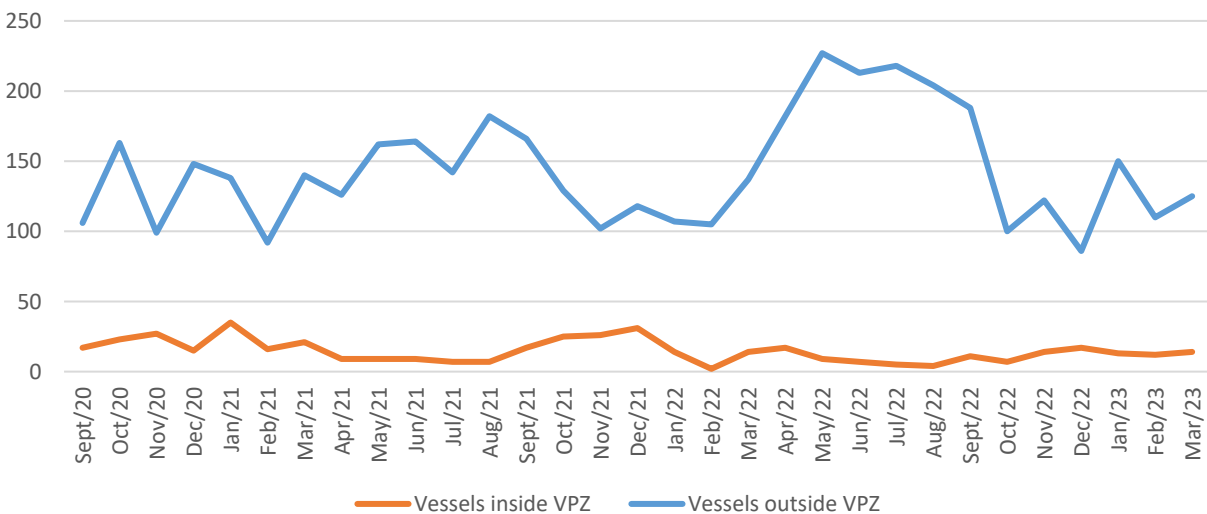
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Vessel Passages in Relation to VPZ Sept 2020-Mar 2023



Vessel Passages Inside and Outside the VPZ to 200 nm  
Sept 2020 - Mar 2023



### 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).