



# SHIP SAFETY BULLETIN

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**Subject: Voluntary Protection Zone for Shipping, Western Shore of Haida Gwaii (amendment 2021-11-05)**

## Purpose

This bulletin is to provide notice of a voluntary protection zone for vessels travelling along the western shore of Haida Gwaii.

## Scope

This bulletin applies to owners and operators of vessels that are of 500 gross tonnage or more and travel in waters along the western shore of Haida Gwaii.

## What you need to know

Subject to certain exemptions, commercial vessels that are 500 gross tonnage or greater are asked to travel outside of a zone that extends at least 50 nautical miles (nm) from the western shore of Haida Gwaii.

### Keywords:

1. Haida Gwaii
2. protection zone
3. shipping

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## Where

The coordinates of the protection zone are

- 54° 15.436' N 133° 04.788' W
- 54° 17.572' N 134° 02.484' W
- 54° 13.614' N 134° 19.427' W
- 54° 11.786' N 134° 30.841' W
- 53° 44.036' N 134° 32.677' W
- 53° 11.118' N 134° 16.412' W
- 52° 18.483' N 133° 20.917' W
- 51° 24.590' N 132° 04.081' W
- 51° 56.158' N 131° 01.830' W



## Exemptions:

- Cruise vessels: asked to observe a minimum 12 nm distance from shore;

- Vessels transiting from Alaska to British Columbia or Washington State, or vice versa, through the Voluntary Protection Zone: asked to observe a distance of at least 25 nm from shore
- Tugs and barges (including pushing and towing alongside) or vessels engaged in commercial fishing: no minimum distance is requested
- Vessels to which this bulletin applies are not required to observe requested minimum distances if doing so may compromise navigational, vessel, passenger or cargo safety

## **Questions?**

If you have questions or comments about this ship safety bulletin, please email us at:

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More information on the Voluntary Protection Zone for Shipping on the West Coast of Haida Gwaii can be found on <http://haidagwaii-vpz.ca/>.