

Public Port of Victoria Traffic Scheme

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No drone zone
PERMIT REQUIRED

MACAULAY POINT

7 KNOTS



HARBOUR BOUNDARY

OUTER HARBOUR

7 KNOTS

STAY CLEAR:
HEAVY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

Heliport

OGDEN POINT
Cruise Ship Terminal

Ogden Point Breakwater

WEST BAY



5 KNOTS

CROSS HERE WHEN SAFE

7 KNOTS

SEAPLANE RUNWAY
Vessels 20m (65 ft) or more

Outbound Traffic Lane
Inbound Traffic Lane
Vessels less than 20m (65 ft)

Colville Island

5 KNOTS

SEAPLANE TAXIWAY

Sleeper Rock

MIDDLE HARBOUR

Pelly Island

Victoria International Marina
VHF channel 68
No vessels less than 20m

Johnson Street Lift Bridge
VHF channel 12
After hours number: 250-385-5717

SONGHEES POINT

CROSS HERE WHEN SAFE

5 KNOTS

INNER HARBOUR

Victoria Harbour Seaplane Terminal

JAMES BAY

Causeway and Ship Point
VHF channel 66A

Victoria Harbour Master
12 Erie St • VHF channel 18A • 250-363-3578
24/7 emergency contact: 250-380-8177

Canadian Coast Guard Base
Emergency contact:
VHF channel 16 • *16 (mobile)
Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre:
1-800-567-5111 • #727 (mobile)

James Bay Anglers' Boat Ramp (Public)

LEGEND



5 knot speed limit



7 knot speed limit



No powered vessels
5 knot speed limit



No boats



Fuel dock



Black water pump out station



Centre line buoy
Keep yellow buoys close to port at all times



Strobe light
When activated, imminent take off or landing of a sea plane



Seaplane runways



Seaplane taxiway



Powered vessels of 20m (65 ft) in length or greater permitted
Transit these areas without stopping



Seaplane arrival and departure route



Runway crossing
Vessels may cross in this location only when strobe lights are **not** activated



Information buoy
Non-power driven vessels remain north of the five white information buoys

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Introduction

All kinds of users share the Port of Victoria: ferries, tugs and barges, water taxis, kayaks and canoes, seaplanes and more. Because the port is so busy, we rely on you to follow the rules for where boats may travel and how. These rules help avoid collisions so you stay safe on the water.

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Rules to follow

These rules were developed by both port users and regulators. If you operate a vessel or seaplane in the Port of Victoria, they apply to you.

- **Do not go over the speed limit.** In the Outer Harbour (between Ogden Point breakwater and Shoal Point) the speed limit is 7 knots. Inward from Shoal Point the speed limit is 5 knots.
- **Do not sail inside Shoal Point.** Lower all sails, even while under power.
- **Do not anchor your vessel anywhere in the Port of Victoria**, unless you have been authorized by the Harbour Master.
- **Do not discharge blackwater.** A prohibition is in effect.

VICTORIA HARBOUR IS A WATER AIRPORT

BOATERS MUST KEEP CLEAR OF SEAPLANE RUNWAYS.

There are two seaplane runways in the Port of Victoria. One is in the Middle Harbour and one is in the Outer Harbour. They are very active. Upwards of 100 flights take off or land in the port per day.

White strobe lights on top of beacons (at Shoal Point, Laurel Point and Berens Island, and on Pelly Island) flash when a seaplane is about to takeoff or land. When you see the strobe lights, use extreme caution.

NON-POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS: WHERE TO TRAVEL

Non-power driven vessels such as canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards are allowed to transit the harbour using the inbound/outbound boat lanes. In addition, there are areas which are reserved specifically for non-power driven vessels:

A special area reserved for non-power-driven vessels is on the north shore of Middle Harbour, north of the five white buoys. Paddlers may transit along the shoreline through the corridor that goes under the buildings at the Victoria International Marina or can also transit on the offshore side of the marina, between the docks and white buoys.

Paddlers may only cross runways in two places:

- at the Songhees/Laurel Point Narrows
- in a straight line joining Shoal Point and Berens Island

Before you cross, watch for strobe lights. They will tell you when a seaplane is about to takeoff or land.

SMALL POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS: WHERE TO TRAVEL

Power-driven vessels **less than** 20m (65 feet) in length, including sailboats, must use marked lanes to travel through the Outer and Middle Harbours. Power-driven vessels are not permitted on the north shore of the Middle Harbour.

The two inbound/outbound lanes are:

- located in the south of the Middle Harbour and into the Outer Harbour
- marked with five lighted yellow cautionary buoys

LARGE POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS: WHERE TO TRAVEL

Power-driven vessels **more than** 20m (65 feet) in length may use runways to travel through the Outer and Middle Harbours. Vessels must transit without stopping or delay while in these areas.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

- **Harbour Master/Port Official:** For general port information or to report marine incidents, contact the Harbour Master on VHF channel 18A or at 250-363-3578. 24/7 emergency number: 250-380-8177.
- **Harbour Patrol:** If you are unclear about these directions, Harbour Patrol is on the water in black and grey inflatable vessels and happy to help. Contact them on VHF 18A during all daylight hours in the spring and summer, and during regular office hours in the fall and winter.
- **Canadian Coast Guard:** In a marine emergency: call on VHF channel 16 or *16 on a mobile phone. Or call the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre at 1-800-567-5111, #SAR(727) on a mobile phone.
- **Moorage:** For public, call the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority on VHF 66A or at 250-383-8326.
- **Victoria International Marina:** For moorage, call on VHF 68A.
- **Canada Customs:** Clearance dock located on the south side of Middle Harbour at Raymur Point. Telephone: 1-888-226-7277.
- **Johnson Street Lift Bridge:** At northeast of Inner Harbour. Operated by the City of Victoria. Reach the bridge operator on VHF channel 12.
- **Victoria Police Non-Emergency line:** 250-995-7654

Note: If you do not comply with these rules and restrictions, you may be subject to summary conviction and/or fines. Authority comes from the *Canada Marine Act*, Practices and Procedures for Public Ports.