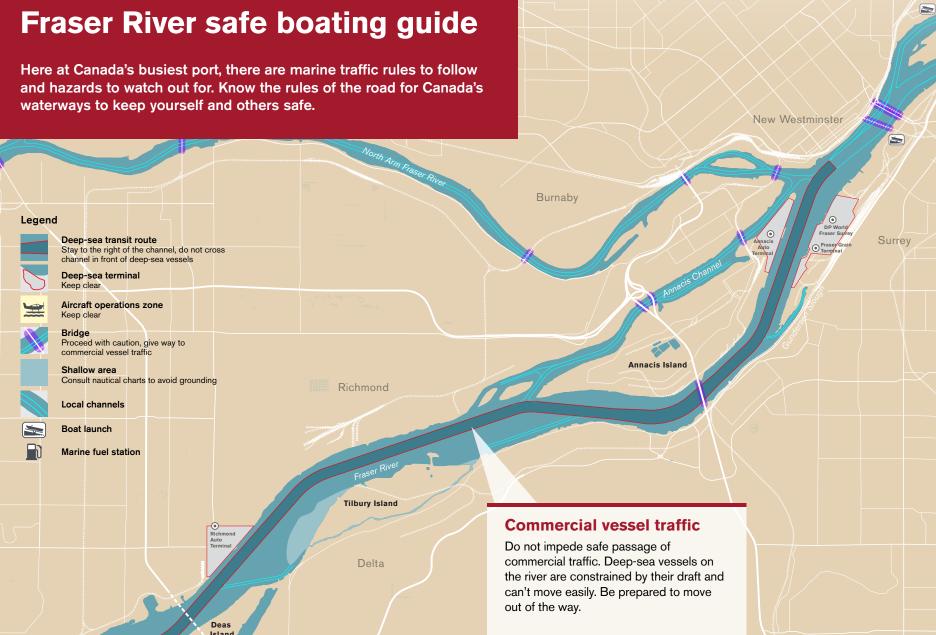


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# Safe boating practices



#### Check current conditions

The river is always moving and changing. Check weather, tide, currents, and water levels before you head out.

#### Consult official publications

To prevent incidents, look at nautical charts for depth soundings and our Port Information Guide for bridge transit procedures.



#### Watch out for debris and hazards

Sandbars, wood debris, log booms, barge tie-ups, and fishing nets can be difficult to see.

### Never cross between a tugboat and its tow

Tow cables are often submerged and not visible.



#### Monitor appropriate radio channels

Monitor VHF 74 (Fraser River) and VHF 06 (North Arm).

### Listen

### Attend to signals from other vessels

Five or more short and rapid blasts of a ship's whistle means "danger-stay clear".



#### Be prepared to move out of the way

Large deep-sea vessels and working tugs can't move quickly, especially in narrow channels. Stay to the right of the channel and do not impede their passage.

### **Boat respectfully**

Keep wake and wash to a minimum to avoid damage to sensitive habitat, property, or other vessels.

### Report incidents

Contact our Port Operations Centre at 604.665.9086. In an emergency, call 911.

# Safe boating on the Fraser River

Keep your vessel in safe working order-life jackets, radios, and navigation lights are required. It is prohibited to operate a boat while impaired. Harbour patrol officers, together with agency partners, conduct routine vessel inspections. Vessels not in compliance with local rules may be ticketed or removed at the owners' expense. Learn more about safe boating requirements at www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety.

Learn more about safe boating practices in the Port of Vancouver Port Information Guide at portvancouver.com/portinformationguide.

### **Key contacts**

24/7 Port **Operations Centre** Phone: 604.665.9086 Victoria traffic

Phone: 250.363.6611 Cell: \*16 / VHF: 74

Marine emergencies

Phone: 911

Cell: \*16 / VHF: 16



Keep clear of aircraft landing and take-off area.

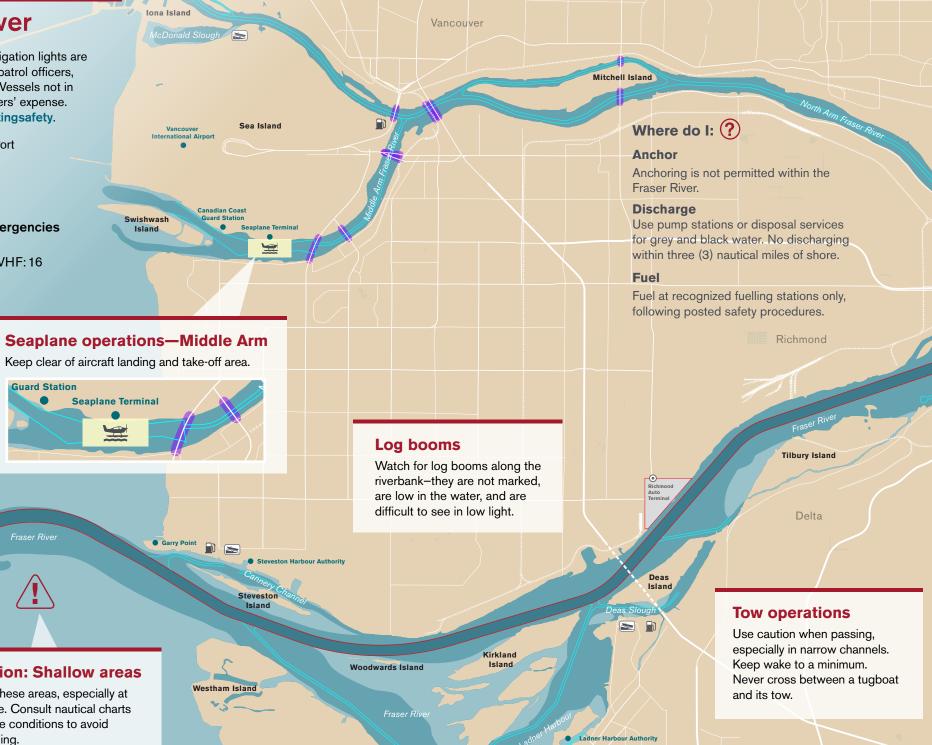


## **Caution: Shallow areas**

Avoid these areas, especially at low tide. Consult nautical charts and tide conditions to avoid grounding.



Not for navigational purposes. Always follow safe boating practices.



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