



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

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Commercial vessel traffic

Do not impede safe passage of commercial traffic. Deep-sea vessels on the river are constrained by their draft and can't move easily. Be prepared to move out of the way.



Safe Boating Guide

Fraser River

Waterways don't have traffic signals

Here at Canada's largest port, there's marine traffic, rules to follow and hazards to watch out for. Know the rules of the road for Canada's waterways to keep yourself and others safe.



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Safe boating practices

PLAN

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 avoid collision, look at nautical charts for depth soundings and our port information guide for bridge transit procedures.

LOOK

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.

LISTEN

Monitor appropriate radio channels.

VFH 74 (Fraser River) or VHF 06 (North Arm).

Attend to signals from other vessels.

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

ACT

Be prepared to move out of the way.

Deep-sea vessels and working tugs can't move quickly. Even if you have the right-of-way, you must yield to them.

Boat respectfully.

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








Know the rules and ensure you comply

Keep your vessel in safe working order – life jackets, radios and navigation lights are required. Drinking alcohol and boating is prohibited. Harbour patrol officers, together with agency partners, conduct routine vessel inspections. Vessels not in compliance with safe boating practices may be ticketed by the police or removed at the owners expense. Learn more about safe boating requirements at www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety

Safe boating on the Fraser River

Not for navigational purposes. Always follow safe boating practices.

LEGEND

-  **Deep-sea transit route**
Stay to the right of the channel, do not cross channel in front of deep-sea vessels
-  **Deep-sea terminal**
Keep clear
-  **Aircraft operations zone**
Keep clear, seaplane landing / take-off area
-  **Bridge**
Proceed with caution, give way to commercial vessel traffic
-  **Shallow area**
Consult nautical charts to avoid grounding
-  **Local channels**
-  **Boat launch**
-  **Marine fuel station**

Log booms

Watch for log booms along the riverbank – they are not marked, low in the water and difficult to see in low light.

Tow operations

Be extremely cautious when passing, especially in narrow channels. Keep wake to a minimum. Never cross between a tugboat and its tow.

Seaplane operations – Middle Arm

Keep clear of aircraft landing and take-off area.



Where do I?

Anchor

Anchoring is not permitted within the Fraser River.

Discharge

Use pump stations or disposal services for grey and black water. No discharging within 3 nautical miles of shore.

Fuel

Fuel at recognized fuelling stations only, following posted safety procedures.

Caution

Shallow areas

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

