Safe boating practices

LOOK

- Watch out for larger vessels. Large, deep-sea vessels have limited visibility — don’t assume they can see you.
- Never cross between a tugboat and its tow. Tow cables are often submerged and not visible.

LISTEN

- Listen for aircraft. Float planes landing or taking off need plenty of space.
- Attend to signals from other vessels. Five or more short and rapid blasts of a ship’s whistle means “danger — stay clear”. Monitor VHF 16 and 12.

ACT

- Be prepared to move out of the way. Large, deep-sea vessels can’t move quickly, especially in narrow channels. Even if you have the right of way, you must yield to them.

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

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 may be ticketed or removed at the owners’ expense.
- Learn more about safe boating requirements at www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety

Fishing restrictions
No crabbing or fishing within the deep-sea transit route. Do not impede deep-sea vessels.

Recreational anchorages
Anchor in designated recreational anchorage area. Contact the City of Port Moody for more information or visit portmoody.ca/harbour

Where do I?
Anchor
Anchorage in Burrard inlet are for deep-sea vessels only unless in an emergency and then only with port authority permission. Recreational anchorages are available in False Creek and Port Moody.

Barnet Marine Park

Port Moody

Safe Boating Guide
Burrard Inlet

Waterways don’t have traffic signals
Here at Canada’s busiest port, there are 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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Narrow channel, strong currents
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Coal Harbour
8 knot speed limit
No wake when passing moored seaplanes
Float plane landing area
Keep clear of aircraft landing area
Cruise terminal security zone
Keep clear of Canada Place, at least 50 metres

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