



Notice to Industry 07/2023

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Subject: Vessel slowdown and adopt near-time arrivals to support port fluidity

We are writing to inform you of the current port congestion caused by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) strike action and to request your urgent cooperation in adopting near-time arrival for your vessels calling the Port of Vancouver.

The strike action has disrupted port operations and anchorage capacity. To keep operations as fluid as possible, we have changed the anchorage assignment protocols to prioritize the terminals that are still operational. However, this is not enough to prevent further congestion and delays, and the port authority is asking ships calling at the Port of Vancouver to slow down and adopt near-time arrival process.

The benefits of near-time arrivals are clear, and this practice will help the port community to:

- Reduce the demand for anchorages
- Reduce port congestion and delays
- Minimize environmental and community impacts
- Support port recovery and resilience after the disruption

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this situation, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We hope the strike action will end soon and we can resume normal operations.

In case of any questions or clarifications, please reach out to our 24/7 Operations Centre at 604-665-9086 or harbour_master@portvancouver.com