



Notice to Industry 07/2023 (3)

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Subject: Anchorage assignment protocol following resumption of labour action

On July 18, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Canada strike action resumed at approximately 16h30 PDT.

As it did over the past two weeks, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will continue to monitor the impact of the labour action on the supply chain and anchorage congestion and take proactive measures to manage vessel arrivals and anchorage assignments.

These renewed measures will help maintain port fluidity, ensure the safe movement of vessels, and manage anchorage capacity for terminals not affected by strike activity. The port authority will follow these criteria for anchorage assignment until the labour action is resolved:

1. **Inner Harbour:** Maximum stay of 48 hours will be strictly enforced, and assignments will be limited to bunkering, fumigation, staging area, or emergency situations
2. **English Bay and Indian Arm:** The maximum stay limit of 7 days will be lifted. All anchorages will be reserved to support operations at terminals not affected by strike activity, partly loaded vessels that are delayed due to labour action, and larger vessels that can only be accommodated in English Bay
3. **Southern Gulf Islands:** These anchorages will be assigned per the Interim Protocol for waiting vessels; a balanced use of these anchorages across the South Coast BC region and commodity sectors will be ensured

The Port Authority is collaborating with Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security (MSS) and Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) to create a comprehensive view of all vessels, including anchorage utilization in the region. Additionally, the port authority is coordinating with Pacific Pilotage Authority and other regional ports on anchorages that are outside of port authority's jurisdiction.

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