

Tourism and Recreation – Anchorages

description

Tourism is one of the province's leading economic drivers, generating \$13.8 billion in spending, \$6.6 billion in gross domestic product (GDP), 131,000 person-years of employment and \$4.7 billion in wages and salaries in 2008 (Tourism BC, 2009). The money spent by visitors and residents on ocean tourism and recreation activities in BC supports thousands of businesses and employees in coastal communities. Most marine tourism and recreation activities are seasonally dependant and use is concentrated in months with the most favourable weather conditions. However, timing varies according to the activity and some activities are pursued year-round.

Recreational boaters, also known as pleasure craft operators, travel in powerboats and sailboats on trips that can last from a single day to multiple weeks. The activity occurs on a guided and unguided basis throughout the BC coast, but the greatest use is concentrated near larger population centres where infrastructure exists, such as public docks, boat launches and repair facilities. Boating is closely linked to other activities, including swimming, fishing, scuba diving, sightseeing, or wildlife viewing. A study of the BC boating sector (Genesis, 2007) estimated recreational boating expenditures in 2006 totalling \$2.7 billion, and generating over \$1 billion in GDP, 19,300 jobs, \$705 million in employment income and \$380 million in government taxes.

For both day and overnight excursions, anchorages are a key feature and the focal point for marine cruising activity. The data on anchorages available from the Province of BC were originally mapped as part of the Coastal Resource Inventory. Different contractors compiled the data between 1994 and 1998 for separate projects in Northern Strait of Georgia, Johnstone Strait/Central Coast and North Coast/Haida Gwaii. Each site identified in a Coastal Resource Inventory Project was assigned a relative importance value, although the basis and methods used to assign those values varied from project to project. The Province added points representing Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs (CBCYC) Safe Boat Havens and merged the data from each regional project into the Coastal Resource Information Management System (CRIMS) after 2001.

The CRIMS anchorages data were found to have gaps in coverage for the Southern Strait of Georgia, West Coast of Vancouver Island, North Coast and Haida Gwaii. These data gaps were filled by the BC Marine Conservation Analysis (BCMCA) with information extracted from guidebooks (see references below), spatial data from Tourism Resource Inventories (1998) and Tourism Opportunity Studies (1998-2003) conducted by the Province of BC, and spatial data prepared for the province for the Central Coast LRMP by the Outdoor Recreation Council (1998). With the exception of some of the Tourism Opportunities Studies, no relative importance information was available for these added sites.



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data sources

- BCMCA, digitised from guide books (see references)
- Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs, Safe Boat Havens
- Outdoor Recreation Council (provided by GeoBC)
- Province of British Columbia, Coastal Resource Information Management System
- Province of British Columbia, Tourism Opportunity Studies

data resolution

- Sites were mapped against CHS Nautical Charts with scales ranging from 1:300,000 to less than 1:20,000.

date compiled

- Original source data were compiled by the Province of BC between 1994 and 2003.
- Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs Safe Boat Havens were mapped in 1996 and updated in 2003.
- Outdoor Recreation Council data were compiled from interviews conducted in 1997-1998.
- Data were compiled and gaps filled by the BCMCA in 2008 and 2011.

reviewers

- Not reviewed.

reviewer comments

- None provided.

caveats of use

- Not to be used for navigational purposes.
- One point may represent several different anchorages in an area.
- Recommended date of expiry for use of these data in a marine planning context: None provided.

map, feature data and metadata access

- Visit www.bcmca.ca/data for more information.

references

- Coastal Resource Information Management System can be accessed at: <http://archive.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/cis/coastal/others/crimindex.htm>
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- Tourism BC. *The Value of Tourism in British Columbia Trends from 1998 to 2008*. 2009. www.tti.gov.bc.ca/research/IndustryPerformance/pdfs/tourism_indicators/Value_of_Tourism_in_British_Columbia.pdf
- Tourism Opportunity Studies can be accessed at: <http://archive.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/cis/initiatives/tourism/index.html>

Spatial information on anchorages was extracted from the following tourism studies:

- Commercial and Public Recreation Study for the Sunshine Coast Forest District, 2002.
- Forest and Fisheries Tourism Opportunities Study for the North Coast Forest District, 2000.
- Forest and Fisheries Tourism Opportunities Study for Portions of the Campbell River and Port McNeill Forest Districts, 2000.
- Haida Gwaii Tourism Resource Inventory, 1998.
- Nootka Sound Forest Recreation and Tourism Opportunity Study, 1998.

The following books were referenced for information on the location of anchorages:

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- Hale, Robert (ed.). *Waggoner Cruising Guide 2007: The Complete Boating Reference*. Weatherly Press, 2006.
- Vassilopoulos, Peter. *Docks and Destinations with GPS: The Complete Guide to Pacific Northwest Marinas*. Pacific Marine Publishing, 2005.
- Vipond, Anne and Kelly, William. *Best anchorages of the Inside Passage : British Columbia's south coast from the Gulf Islands to Cape Caution*. Ocean Cruise Guides Ltd., 1998.
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- Yeadon-Jones, Anne and Yeadon-Jones, Laurence. *Dreamspeaker Cruising Guide Series, Gulf Islands & Vancouver Island: Victoria & Sooke to Nanaimo, Volume 1*. Harbour Publishing, 1998.
- Yeadon-Jones, Anne and Yeadon-Jones, Laurence. *Dreamspeaker Cruising Guide Series, Vancouver, Howe Sound & the Sunshine Coast: including Princess Louisa Inlet & Jeddiah Island, Volume 3*. Harbour Publishing, 2003.



BCMCA Atlas

Tourism & Recreation Anchorages

- Legend**
- Anchorage Type**
- CBCYC Safe Boat Haven
 - Other Anchorage

Data Sources:
BCMCA,
Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs (CBCYC),
Province of British Columbia

Base Data:
ESRI Base Data, GeoBase, GeoBC,
NOAA, Natural Resources Canada,
USGS, Washington State Government

Thematic Data:
For more information on data sources and methods please refer to the facing page to this map

Projection: BC Albers NAD83

0 25 50 75 100 125 150
Kilometres

0 25 50 75
Nautical Miles

1:4,250,000 *
* Written scales are approximate and are based on a 11 x 17 inch paper size.

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