

# PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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## INTERIM NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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**Subject:** Kitimat Anchorages

**Geographic Area:** Head of Kitimat Arm, Kitimat, BC

**Communication:** Protocol for using Kitimat anchorages

### Details:

There are no designated anchorages in Kitimat. Ships may be anchored inside of the 100m contour only on a short-term basis when awaiting berth. The anchorage area has a mud bottom and is on a narrow bank with limited swinging room. Depths at the head of Kitimat Arm are subject to change due to silting and scouring. While at anchor, ships' officers must maintain a continuous radio watch on marine VHF Channel 11.

Walk out the anchor to four shackles in the water when approaching the anchoring position from seaward. When the anchor touches the bottom, continue walking out the cable to nine or ten shackles on deck.

The KAE anchorage location may be used for emergencies or for very short stays when a ship leaves the berth due to UKC restrictions. The KAN anchorage may be used by ships awaiting berth for up to 48 hours.

Name	Latitude	Longitude	Max. LOA (metres)	Depth (metres)	Swing Radius (metres)	Remarks
KAE	53° 59' 14" N	128° 40' 34" W	210	95.0	370	Emergency or short wait for berth or tidal lift
KAN	53° 59' 07" N	128° 39' 49" W	210	95.0	463	48 hours maximum stay

Vessels are advised to use anchorages in Chatham Sound (Prince Rupert) for durations longer than 48 hours.

Please contact the PPA at [marineops@ppa.gc.ca](mailto:marineops@ppa.gc.ca) should you require further information.

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