

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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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 just south of the marine terminals inside the 100m contour 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.

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	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.
KAN	53° 59' 07" N	128° 39' 49" W	210	95.0	463	

If both anchorages are already occupied and a ship needs to come off the berth due to insufficient under keel clearance (UKC) on a falling tide, the pilot should assess the environmental conditions and consider anchoring the ship in a safe position just off the berth; if anchoring, the pilot must remain onboard until the ship is re-docked. Alternatively, the pilot may opt for the ship to drift, or run slow, in the area south of the two anchorages until it is safe to re-dock the ship.

Please contact the PPA at marineops@ppa.gc.ca should you require further information.