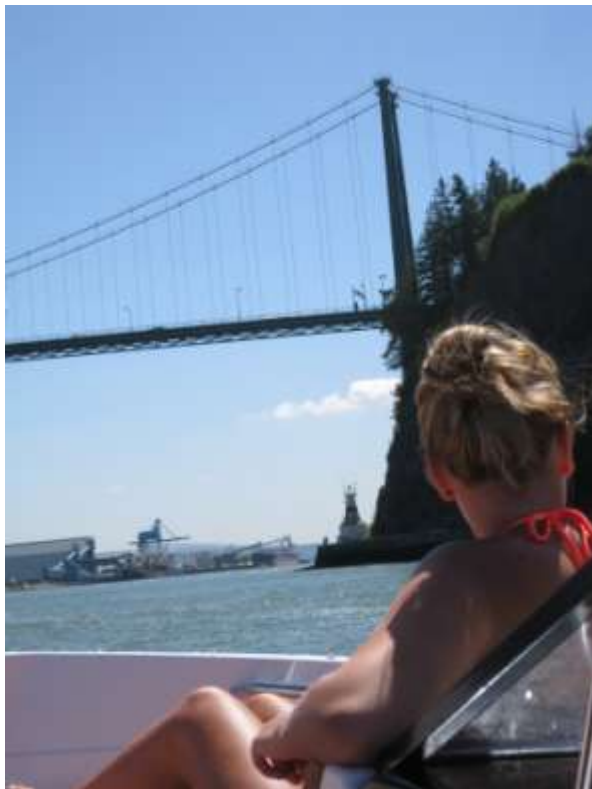




## **STOLEN BOATS CANADA**

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With the arrival of the good weather, there has been an increase in the number of near collisions in the traffic lanes on the approaches to the First Narrows in Vancouver. In several cases, transiting cargo ships and tug and barges have been forced to take evasive actions to avoid collisions caused by pleasure craft contravening the Canada Shipping Act rules pertaining to Operating in a Traffic Separation Scheme and Operating in a Narrow Channel. In the most recent incident, a pleasure craft passed between a tug and its log boom, fortunately missing the steel cable sub surface between the tug and its boom. With the upcoming Canada Day fireworks in Vancouver Harbour and the annual Celebration of Lights in English Bay, the risk of dangerous encounters between commercial vessels and pleasure craft will be increased. When operating around commercial vessels, stay clear and check to see if there is a boom or barge behind every tug before cautiously crossing well astern. **Keep to the Right side of the channel, Keep a Lookout, travel at a Safe Speed and have your VHF scanning Channels 12 and 16 when transiting through English Bay and Vancouver Harbour.**



[Transport Safety Board report: Collision Between the Pleasure Craft Sunboy and the Tug Jose Narvaez Towing the Barge Texada B.C. Vancouver Harbour, British Columbia 7 August 1999](#)

[Canada Shipping Act Collision Regulations](#)

[Port Metro Vancouver Safety Guide](#)

[Navigation Light study chart](#)

This is a guide- There are several course providers to educate boaters in Boating Safety.



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