WARNING!

Do not approach within 100 yards of any U.S. naval vessel. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the U.S. naval vessel or the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM channel 16.

Operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel and proceed as directed by the Commanding Officer or the official patrol.

Violations of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone are a felony offense, punishable by up to 6 years in prison and/or up to $250,000 in fines.

PROTECTION AND SECURITY ZONES

Naval Vessel Protection Zone 33 CFR 1321
Do not approach within 100 yards of any U.S. Naval Vessel. Within 500 yards of operation of the U.S. Naval Vessel, you must transit at minimum safe operating speed. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. Naval Vessel, in order to ensure a safe passage and in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the U.S. Naval Vessel of the Coast Guard escort vessel on VHF-FM channel 16. Vessels 20 meters or greater in length should seek permission from the COOP or a Designated Representative at least 4 hours in advance. Vessels less than 20 meters in length should seek permission at least 1 hour in advance. VTS Puget Sound may be reached on VHF-FM channel 14.

Tank Ship Security Zones 33 CFR 1313
Do not approach within 100 yards of any Tank Ship. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a tank ship, unless authorized by the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master. If you need to pass within 100 yards of a Tank ship, in order to ensure a safe passage and in accordance with the Navigation Rules, you must contact the Tank Ship on VHF-FM channel 16. When within a tank ship security zone all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by the on-scene official patrol or tank ship master.

Large Passenger Protection Zone 33 CFR 1317
When within a large passenger vessel security and safety zone all vessels must operate at minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and must proceed as directed by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master. No vessel or person is allowed within 150 yards of a large passenger vessel that is underway or at anchor, unless authorized by the on-scene official patrol or large passenger vessel master. No vessel or person is allowed within 25 yards of a large passenger vessel that is moored.