



**The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System**  
***Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint-Laurent***

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SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 8 - 2006

Maximum Permissible Draft Trials (80.8 dm)

The St. Lawrence Seaway has been testing and/or monitoring the transits of ocean ships not equipped with bow thrusters over the past two years and results have been positive. Based on the successful transits of ships not equipped with bow thrusters the Seaway will on a trial basis permit ocean ships not equipped with bow thrusters to transit the Seaway at a maximum draft of 80.8 dm, subject to satisfactory performance. This trial period will be from July 7<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

It is the responsibility of the master to ensure that the permissible drafts are not exceeded. During periods of hot weather, masters must be aware of "hogging" conditions and allow for this within permissible drafts. Mariners are reminded that there will be zero tolerance for ship's drafts in excess of 80.8 dm (26' 06").

For ships loaded to a draft greater than 80.0 dm (26' 03"), speeds will be carefully monitored in the Montreal / Lake Ontario Section between St. Lambert Lock and St. Nicolas Island and in the Welland Canal between the upper entrance to Lock 7 and former Bridge 12.

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