



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

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Pilot Change Procedure at Iroquois Lock – Test Using 2 Mooring Wires

In order to reduce lockage times for vessels requiring a pilot change at Iroquois lock, a revised procedure for securing eligible vessels using two mooring wires has been established. Testing of this procedure will begin **July 16, 2008**. Initially the two-wire mooring procedure will be used for vessels requiring a pilot change, on vessels 200 m or less in OAL and when the water differential is less than 20 cm.

The lock leader will confirm with vessels requiring pilot changes, during the initial communication once the ship is at the limit of approach that two mooring wires (wires n° 2 and n° 3) will be used to secure the vessel in the lock and carry out the pilot change. If the accommodation ladder is to be used, alternate mooring wire arrangements i.e. mooring wires n°1 and n°4 may be used if required.

The vessel must have all four mooring wires ready for deployment during the lockage at all times.

The pilot change is to occur in the wheelhouse.

Pilots / Masters are asked to convey any comments they have to the lock crew. The lock crew will enter your comments on the "Iroquois Lockage Test Form" created for this purpose. Any and all comments are welcome. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this testing.

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