



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

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SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 9 - 2006

Maximum permissible draft (80.8 dm)

Since July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the St. Lawrence Seaway has on a trial basis permitted ocean vessels not equipped with bow thrusters to transit the Seaway at maximum draft of 80.8 dm (26' 06"). Given the positive results of these trials, this category of vessels is now permitted to transit at a maximum draft of 80.8 dm (26' 06"), subject to satisfactory performance and favorable water elevations

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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Director, Operations and Technical Services

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