



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

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Communications

Mariners are reminded that the following communications procedures will be in effect at the structures:

AT LOCKS

Lock crews' initial communication with vessel will occur when vessel is inbound at the L/A2

Vessel to acknowledge at minimum the following 3 positioning instructions:

- Initial communication (for final mooring position)
- 25 m spotting instruction (15 m at SLSDC locks)
- Final spotting instruction (In position)

At SLSDC locks for downbound maximum sized vessels required to winch to final mooring position the following additional communications must be acknowledged:

- The message "15 m to the 15m mark"
- The message "In position at the 15 m mark",
- When the vessel has winched into position, the message "In position"

AT BRIDGES (remote from locks)

The following procedure applies at all free-standing Bridges, namely:

- Br. 7A/7B, SLU, VAL in the Montreal Lake Ontario Section
- Br. 4, 5, 11 and 21 in the Welland Canal Section

The bridge operator will make a VHF radio call on the normal working channel to the last vessel through the bridge draw, immediately prior to initiating the bridge lowering / closing sequence. e.g. "VESSEL NAME, BRIDGE 21 WILL START TO LOWER". Vessel may respond if there is a problem.

Note: In Niagara, the bridge lowering will not commence until the Bridge Operator has confirmed with the Master/Pilot that it is safe to do so.

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