



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

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MAISONNEUVE REGION
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HFM Use at Snell Lock

Snell Lock will soon begin use of the Hands-Free Mooring (HFM) equipment as part of the standard lockage process.

During the initial phase of HFM use at Snell, vessels will continue to deploy a minimum of two mooring lines. Mooring lines and HFM units will be used together throughout the lockage. It is important for Masters/Pilots to ensure lines are kept slacked so as not to interfere with the effectiveness and/or cause damage to the HFM units.

The number of required mooring lines will be reduced as the confidence of SLSDC staff and of the mariners in the HFM system increases.

Lockage procedures at Snell will be the same as the procedures used for Eisenhower Lock.

If for any reason the HFM system will not be used, SLSDC staff will revert to using traditional tie up procedures.

Vessels will be advised on the use of the HFM units and the number of required mooring lines at Snell Lock once the vessel is departing Eisenhower Lock for downbound vessels and at CIP 8 (Ranges) for upbound vessels.

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