



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

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**2007 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #6**

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**MOORING CERTAIN VESSELS IN LOCK CHAMBERS USING LESS THAN 4 MOORING WIRES**

Based on feedback received from the trade and in an ongoing effort to improve our services offered Mariners are advised that commencing on or about September 1, 2007 and lasting for the remainder of the navigation season, (or as otherwise notified), the 'SLSMC' will be conducting tests on an invitation basis to determine the feasibility of securing certain size vessels in lock chambers using less than four mooring wires.

Testing will initially take place at Lock 3 only and will be limited to up-bound vessels less than 130 meters long and down-bound vessels less than 200 meters long. Testing may be expanded to include other locks at a later date subject to satisfactory test results.

The Operations Centre will confirm with vessels meeting the criteria, at Lock 2 up-bound and Lock 4 down-bound, whether they will be participating in the testing or not. This information will then be forwarded to Lock 3.

Pilots / Masters are asked to convey any comments they have to the lock crew. The lock crew will enter your comments on the 'Less than Four Mooring Lines 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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