



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

2008 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #2

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UP BOUND MOORING & DOWN BOUND CAST-OFF PROCEDURES – CANADIAN
SEAWAY LOCKS

Mariners are advised that the following **up bound mooring** and **down bound cast-off** procedures will be in effect at all deep locks of Niagara and Maisonneuve Region during 2008:

Up bound Mooring

Mooring of wires 1 and 2 remain as present. Two lock crew members will then proceed to the stern of the vessel and start the raising of number 4 mooring wire. This wire will not be placed on the bollard until the spotter has completed the spotting and has started to proceed towards the stern of the vessel to monitor placement of the stern wires.

Down bound Cast-off

1. Lock crew member will cast-off no. 4 mooring wire when lock gates start to open, as is current practice.
2. Lock crew member will then proceed to cast-off no. 3 mooring wire on the spotter's instructions once the lower end is completely opened;

While the lock crew is proceeding from the stern to the forward mooring wires, vessels are to make all reasonable efforts to avoid creating an excessive lead on no. 2 mooring wire. If an excessive lead results in an unsafe condition, corrective action will be initiated.

3. Two lock crew members will then proceed to cast-off no. 2 and no. 1 mooring wires on the spotter's instructions.

NOTE : There is no change to the 'Up bound Cast-off' and 'Down bound Mooring' procedures.

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