



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

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RESUMPTION OF HANDS FREE MOORING (HFM) TESTING AT LOCK 7

Mariners are advised that testing of the modified HFM units at lock 7 will resume shortly after Labour Day.

Modifications include improvements to the seal technology (including seal composition and vacuum reaction time), fore and aft energy absorption and waterproofing electrical components which is expected to provide overall increase in performance.

Traffic Controllers will inform Masters at Call in Points 15 and 16 when the testing of the hands free mooring equipment is ongoing, further instructions will be provided by lock 7 personnel.

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