



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

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Mooring Vessels in Locks with Length Up to 150 Meters Using Soft Lines

As a result of a recent safety incident involving a soft line breakage, we are reminding vessels of the following:

When mooring vessels with a length up to 150 m equipped with soft lines, mooring lines number 2 and number 1 will be placed on the bollards only **once the vessel has stopped at its final mooring position**. We are asking vessels to heave on mooring lines number 2 and number 1 only after the lock crew has given the signal and the lock employees are behind the second yellow line. The same process will apply for mooring lines number 3 and number 4.

It is important that the vessel ensures that the soft lines used in the locks are the same ones approved by the ship inspector and that the lines are in good condition (no broken strands or sections of line burned by friction).

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