



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

2013 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #15

**NIAGARA REGION
WELLAND CANAL**

WHARF 2, 16, AND 18.2

Due to the new additional Marine Transportation Security Regulation (MTSR) specifically addressing designated (R1) restricted areas, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) has aligned its operating procedures to ensure compliance prior, during, and after a vessel ship to shore interface at Wharves 2, 16, 18.2.

To ensure vessel compliance within the MTSR regulations, security arrangements for any ship to shore interface at Wharves 2, 16, 18.2, it will now be the sole responsibility of the Wharf Operator, "Port Weller Marine Terminal" (PWMT) or Snider Dock Services (SDS) to coordinate all security effort between the ship and shore.

As of October 1st 2013, any vessel wishing to conduct a ship to shore interface at Wharves 2, 16, 18.2 must consider the following steps;

- Establish a "point person" for contact on ship and shore during any commercial interface.
- All planning and logistics of a ship to shore interface at any of the above listed wharves must be in place prior to any Wharves requests to the SLSMC Operations Control Center.
- To ensure the Wharves state of availability, SLSMC Operations Control Center will require a minimum of 4 hours' notice from any commercial vessel requesting access to any of the Wharves listed.
- SLSMC Operations Control Center will continue the practice of dispatch vessels to any of the wharves listed above for navigational or weather relating scenarios, at its own discretion. Please note no shore security is required during these scenarios, given there is no vessel interface planned.
- If a vessel is dispatched to a wharf listed above because of navigation or weather relating issues, and a vessel wishes to take that opportunity to conduct a ship to shore commercial interface, the vessel must first have approval by SLSMC Operations Control Center, and then coordinate with PWMT/SDS for shore security.
- The 24/7 contact number for PWMT/SDS is 905-517-2634 or wellandcanalsecurity@qsl.com

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- SLSMC 24/7 Operations Control Center contact number(s) 905-641-1932 Ext. 5450, 5454 or (supervisor) 5370

SLSMC remains the sole owner and operator of all “approach walls” along the Welland Canal, and therefore any Commercial Vessel Operator requesting a ship to shore commercial interface at any of our published list of available approach walls, must give SLSMC Operations Control Center a minimum of 4 hours’ notice.

The Vessel must also forward any documentation which will support above mentioned vessel interface process.

This will ensure adequate time to coordinate security and other related logistics to ensure the ship to shore interface is in compliance with MTSR.

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