



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

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Hands Free Mooring at Lock 3 – Winter Operation

Mariners are advised that **effective immediately**, the Hands Free Mooring (HFM) equipment at Lock 3 will be used as follows:

Four wires will be used to secure vessel. Once vessel is in position, the HFM vacuum pads will be deployed.

- If the vacuum pads cannot attach with sufficient capacity, the pads will be released and the lockage will continue using mooring wires only.
- If the vacuum pads attach with sufficient capacity, the lockage will continue with both vacuum pads and mooring wires. Vessels are to ensure that the mooring wires remain slack throughout the lockage.

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