



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

2016- NOTICE TO SHIPPING #9

**NIAGARA REGION
WELLAND CANAL**

VESSEL INTERFACE RESTRICTIONS AT LOCKS

Mariners are advised of the following conditions regarding vessel interfaces, (ie. crew changes, chandlers and ship board service providers) at the locks in the Welland Canal effective as per the date of this notice.

With the continued implementation of our modernization project and Marine Security changes in Niagara, access will not be permitted or will be restricted at certain locks, as noted below:

1. **Lock 1**
Interfaces permitted (traffic dependent).
2. **Lock 2**
Interfaces permitted (traffic dependent).
3. **Lock 3**
Continues with no interfaces.
4. **Flight Locks**
 - Continue with no ship chandler interfaces
 - Ship personnel can embark/disembark at Locks 4 and 5
 - No interfaces at Lock 6 continues.
5. **Lock 7**
Interfaces permitted (traffic dependent).
Note: the access via West side pedestrian gate will be discontinued.
6. **Lock 8**
Interfaces permitted (traffic dependent).

There are no changes to current practices for interfaces at Wharfs, Leased Wharfs and Approach Walls in the Welland Canal.

SLSMC understands that certain “service providers” and/or ship’s crew members may require access to locks that have restrictions or “no interfaces permitted” in special circumstances. In the future, any requests for access will be entertained provided sufficient notification is given to our Operations Control Centre.

It is compulsory for any person gaining access to our locks to have a valid government issued identification card with photo. It is also compulsory that the ship consents to the embarking, disembarking or visit. If the ship does not consent, or if marine security and health and safety regulations are not respected, the interface will not be permitted and the persons present will be required to leave the lock immediately.

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Persons presenting themselves at our locks must present themselves at the access Gate 15 minutes before the arrival of the vessel. For locks equipped with Hands Free Mooring, this rule will be strictly enforced. These persons will then be permitted access to the lock prior to the arrival of their ship and to wait in a designated zone. Mariners with valid identification cards are able to proceed unescorted while in the restricted areas to the designated holding area. Other visitors without an R1 Seaway pass embarking or disembarking are required to be escorted to and from the designated holding area. For safety and security reasons, persons and vehicles must remain in this zone and will not be permitted to circulate outside of it. Access to lock buildings is not permitted.

In addition, there is an area marked by the yellow line near the ship (1 meter). The persons that interface with the ship must remain outside this line and in the designated zone until the deck of the ship is near coping level and the shipboard personnel assisting are ready to load/unload passengers or stores/provisions. **Failure to follow these rules may result in further reduction in interface locations and privileges.**

Ship chandler personnel unloading or loading on the lock wall must not pass the yellow line (1 meter) and must be wearing the required PPE (hard hat, safety boots). Ship chandler vehicles must remain behind both yellow lines on the lock.

Disembarking crew/visitors must proceed to and stay in the designated holding area until the lock operator has completed the vessel processing. The operator will then allow the crew/visitors to proceed to the gate and be allowed out of the lock. Should the crew/visitor need to leave immediately due to special circumstances the Ship Master must contact the Operations Control Centre to request this immediate departure.

As a reminder related to vessel interfaces at the Welland Canal

Vessels must request the interface by facsimile (905) 641- 4632, phone (905) 641-1932 x5450 or x5454 or by VHF radio prior to each interface at our locks. This request must be provided in advance to allow approval by the Canal Shift Supervisor on duty prior to the interface.

For crew changes and other persons embarking/disembarking the vessel

The following information is required in the request for embarking, disembarking and visits:

- date;
- name of ship;
- name of ship's captain;
- the agent or;
- delivery company that will transport the persons;
- the lock where the interface will take place;
- estimated date and time of arrival at this lock;
- the names of all the persons who will embark/disembark/visit.

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A person presenting himself/herself at the access gate of the lock without a prior formal interface request will be required to provide as a minimum the above information. The person requesting access must also allow for extra time to process the approval of the entry before gaining access to the lock.

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