



2017 – Notice to Shipping #8

NIAGARA REGION WELLAND CANAL

POTENTIAL FLIGHT LOCKS CLOSURES FOR HFM CONSTRUCTION

Mariners are advised that the construction of HFM in the west flight locks is nearing completion. Originally, some of the work was to be planned around shipping. However, this work has experienced delays due the increased volume of traffic seen in Niagara since opening and as a result, the construction is in danger of slipping and missing deadlines.

Over the next few weeks vessels may experience some delays of 1 to 2 hours due to this required construction within the flight locks. As always, we will endeavour to keep these delays to a minimum. Depending on traffic patterns, it may be necessary to interrupt the operation of the flight locks and force some 4 to 6 hour closures. You will be provided a 24-hour advance notice of any full closure of this nature via a *major delay email notification*.

It is expected that Hands Free mooring will be fully operational on both sides of the flight locks within the next 2 to 3 months.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this construction period.

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