



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

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2007 – NOTICE TO SHIPPING #12

MAISONNEUVE REGION  
MONTREAL/LAKE ONTARION SECTION

Testing Ocean Vessel Stopping And Maintaining Position In Iroquois  
Lock Without Securing

Beginning August 20th 2007, SLSMC will be conducting a series of tests, initially during normal business hours (08:00-16:00) Monday to Friday with vessels less than 185 m in OAL, to verify the ocean vessels ability to stop and hold at the final mooring position without the use of mooring wires.

The lock leaders will advise vessels of their eligibility during the initial communication once the vessel is at the limit of approach.

Participating vessels will be spotted to the final mooring position and then be asked to hold their position long enough to simulate a change of pilot in the wheelhouse (approx. 7 minutes).

Mariners are reminded that vessel crew must be at their stations during this operation, ready to deploy mooring wires upon instruction from the lock crew.

In order to be available for communication with the lock crew, Masters/Pilots are requested to refrain from radio communications with Traffic Control or other vessels during the test procedure.

Once the vessel is at its final mooring position, the inbound end will be closed and measurements of vessel position will be taken. Once the assessment is completed, the outbound end will be opened and the vessel allowed to exit. If a pilot change is required, after the assessment is completed, the vessel will be secured with wires no. 2 and 3 for the duration of the exchange, and then the vessel will be cast-off prior to the outbound end opening.

Tests will begin with ocean vessels less than 185 m in overall length and gradually progress to maximum size vessels, depending on performance.

Masters/Pilots are invited to provide their comments and / or suggestions verbally to the lock crew or by fax to:

The St Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation – Operational Services

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