



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

2008 – NOTICE TO SHIPPING N° 2

MAISONNEUVE REGION MONTREAL/LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

Mooring certain vessels using less than 4 mooring wires (Canadian Locks)

Based on feedback received from the trade and in an ongoing effort to improve our services offered, Mariners are advised that SLSMC will be conducting tests from the opening of navigation 2008, to determine the feasibility of mooring vessels in our Canadian locks using less than four mooring wires, depending on the size of the vessel.

Testing will take place at locks 1, 2, 3, 4 and lock 7 (if walk-through procedure is not in effect). Testing will be limited to upbound vessels less than 130 meters long and downbound vessels less than 200 meters at locks 1, 2, 3 & 4 and to upbound and downbound vessels less than 200 meters at lock 7. Testing may be extended at a later date.

For locks 1, 2, 3 and 4, the Operations Centre will confirm whether or not vessels meeting the criteria will be participating in the testing, at CIP 2 for upbound vessels and CIP 5 for downbound vessels. This information will then be forwarded to the locks.

For lock 7, the lock leader will confirm whether or not vessels meeting the criteria, will be participating in the testing during the initial communication once the ship is at the limit of approach.

Pilots / Masters are asked to convey any comments they have to the lock crew. The lock crew will enter your comments on the 'Less than Four Mooring Lines Test Form' created for this purpose. Any and all comments are welcome. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this testing.

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