



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

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Vessel Self Spotting Radio System at Cote St. Catherine Lock

Mariners are advised that the Vessel Self-Spotting (VSS) radio system at Cote Ste-Catherine lock is now functional. The radio system will transmit two messages over channel 13 (156.650 MHz) to vessels qualified to use the VSS system:

1. The first message when the vessel is at 25m from its final mooring position: "25 mètres restants" (25m to go)
2. The second message when the vessel is at its final mooring position: "En position" (in position)

The vessel self-spotting display panels will continue to display to a qualified vessel its distance from the final mooring position.

The lock leader will inform the vessel if it is qualified and if the VSS system is operational, during the initial communication, once the ship is at the limit of approach. The spotting instructions from the lock personnel are to be respected.

Mariners/Pilots are asked to provide any comments/concerns with respect to the VSS radio system directly to the lock crew who will record them appropriately.

It is expected that the Vessel Self Spotting radio system will also be deployed at St. Lambert lock and the upper and lower Beauharnois locks this navigation season.

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