



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

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**NOTICE TO SHIPPING NO. 1 - 2021**

**NIAGARA REGION**  
**WELLAND CANAL**

**INTERFACES WITH SHIPS AT THE LOCKS IN THE WELLAND CANAL**  
**(Cancelled 2021/05/04)**

**ALLOWABLE INTERFACES**

***DOMESTIC CARRIERS (WITH OWN PORTABLE GANGWAY)***

- Interfaces permitted at Locks 1, 2, 5 and 7
- Crews can embark / disembark vessels at Locks 1, 2, 5, 7 & 8

***OCEAN CARRIERS***

- Interfaces permitted at Locks 1, 2, 5 and 7 for R1 service providers
- Emergency situations will be considered (ex: technicians for safety of navigation)

***PILOTE EXCHANGE***

- Interface for pilot exchanges permitted at Lock 7 as necessary

***Please note***

- SLSMC will not entertain any escorting of non-R1 persons or monitoring product exchanges
- SLSMC will not provide assistance handling gangways
- Visitors are reminded to follow SLSMC instructions for gaining access to all locks

**INTERFACE PROCEDURES**

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.

**ACCESSING THE LOCKS**

There are only two windows of time to gain entry onto the Locks:

1. 15 minute window before vessel arrives at bullnose OR
2. Once the vessel is captured by HFM and secure

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

SLSMC understands that at times there may be a special need to access Locks that have restrictions or “no interfaces permitted”. Requests for this type of special access may be entertained provided sufficient notification is given to our Operations Control Centre (OCC) for review of the request.

Our Facility is a MARSEC restricted (R1) zone. 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.

1. Persons requesting access at Locks must arrive at the turnstile (reporting station) 15 minutes prior to the ship's arrival at the lock bullnose or once the vessel is captured by HFM and secure
2. Acknowledge your presence at the Lock turnstile by depressing the Intercom located at the turnstile (reporting station) making contact with the OCC by communication via Intercom.
3. Must show either Government issued I.D (ship's crew) or Seaway Restricted Area I.D. card. No escorting will be provided by Seaway. No escorting is required for Mariners with valid identification.
4. OCC will provide instructions and permit access to Lock after confirming your expected interface with the ship.
5. Once approved, go directly to the designated holding areas until the interface is permitted. Access to lock buildings is not permitted. **See diagram at end of notice.**

In addition, there is a 2m Fall Hazard Zone marked on the lock wall. The persons that interface with the ship must remain outside of the fall hazard zone and inside the designated waiting 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 CHANDLERS

Personnel unloading or loading on the lock wall must:

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- Remain outside the 2m Fall Hazard Zone (2m from coping);
- Wear the required PPE (hard hat, safety boots).
- Vehicles must remain behind the furthest yellow line (from coping) on the lock
- No running is permitted on the Lock wall.

### **DISEMBARKING CREW/VISITORS**

Person disembarking (crew/visitors) must proceed to and stay in the designated holding area until the OCC Operator has completed the vessel processing. The OCC 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 OCC to request this immediate departure.

### **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: Vessel + Captain + Agent
- 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

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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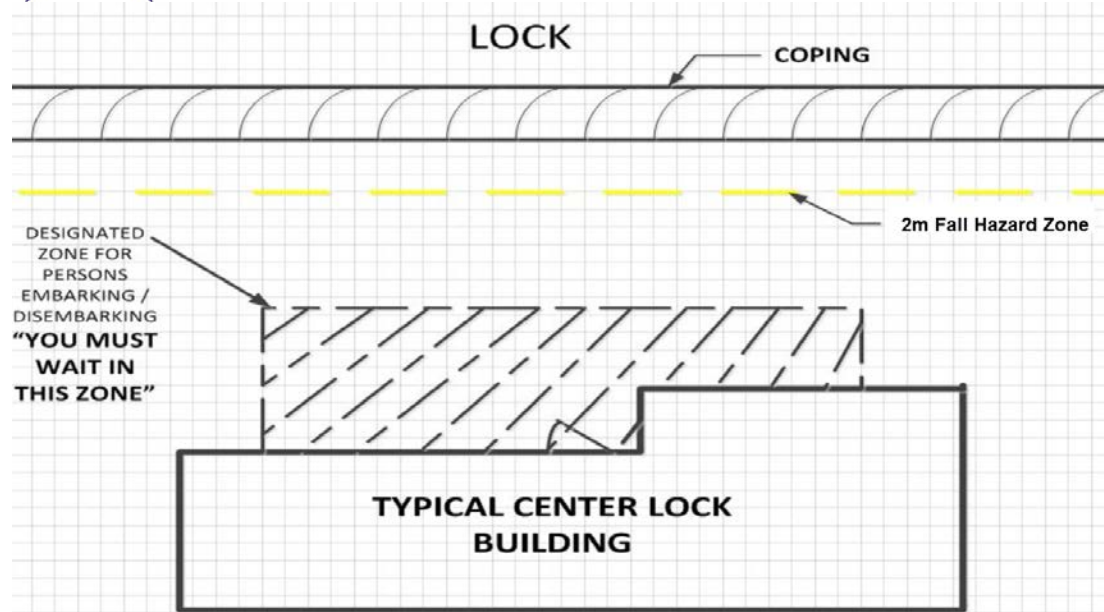
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