



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

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WELLAND CANAL SECTION

Pleasure Craft Lockages in the Welland Canal - revised

To properly serve our pleasure craft clientele during the pandemic period and limit the potential risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) had placed certain restrictions on pleasure craft. As a result of the recent easing of restrictions due to COVID-19, the SLSMC is increasing capacity for pleasure craft lockages.

1. Grouped Mooring in the Lock

As of June 24th, 2021, grouped mooring in the lock will be permitted again allowing more pleasure craft to transit during each lockage.

While in the lock, visitors are required to follow the guidance of public health officials, including necessary hygiene practices and physical distancing. Visitors are required to wear a mask when a 2m distance cannot be maintained.

2. Reservation System

In order to ensure a passage through the Welland Canal, pleasure craft users are required to make a reservation in advance using the online pleasure craft [reservation system](#)

3. Reporting in at the Welland Canal Pleasure Craft Dock

Upbound Transits

On the day of transit, pleasure craft users with confirmed reservations must be in position at the Port Weller small boat dock by 09:00 a.m. and are asked to report in by calling the Operations Center on VHF Channel 14 (156.7MHz) or via cell phone at 289-690-4344 . Further instructions will be provided at that time.

Downbound Transits

On the day of transit, pleasure craft users with confirmed reservations must be in position at the Port Colborne small boat dock by 07:00 a.m. and are asked to report in by calling the Operations Center on VHF Channel 14 (156.7MHz) or via cell phone at 289-690-4344 . Further instructions will be provided at that time.

When the lock is clear and ready for entry, the lock officer will give the green light and instruct the pleasure craft to proceed. Please follow the instructions of Seaway personnel.

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4. International Border Crossing

Pleasure Craft users wishing to cross the international border to transit the locks should first consult with CBSA or Homeland Security as the right of innocent passage may not apply for transit in the locks as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

To contact CBSA: Send an email to BSA-ASFC-SOR-RegionalPrograms@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca or call 1-888-226-7277.

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