



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

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SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 5 - 2020

**Notification Requirement for Use of Lines at HFM Locks**

Single tugs, tug/barge combinations, and small ships (<160 m) that are not eligible to use HFM are to be processed without lines at all Canadian locks.

If a need is identified to use lines, an advance notification identifying the need shall be provided.

- If the need is identified by Seaway personnel, traffic control will advise the tug/ship.
- If the need is identified by the tug/ship, then the tug/ship is to advise the traffic control center as early as possible, preferably before entry into the MLO section or Welland Canal.

Please note that a roving crew is available to assist vessels requiring mooring lines for a lockage, but demand for this crew may exceed capacity depending on timing of vessel arrivals in the system. In order for the Seaway to better synchronize resource availability with expected arrivals of vessels requiring mooring lines, operators of such vessels are encouraged to contact the Seaway Traffic control center to establish an optimum arrival time. In the event vessels are not able to arrive at the prescribed window of time, they may be asked to go to a designated anchorage area until resources become available.

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